



# Iran agrees to ceasefire in Gulf war

## Khomeini withdraws objection to UN terms

By Andrew McEwen and Nicholas Beeston

Hopes that the eight-year Iran-Iraq war is about to end rose yesterday when Tehran suddenly accepted a call by the United Nations Security Council for a ceasefire.

In a move personally approved by Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran unconditionally accepted UN Resolution 598, which demanded that both the parties cease all conflict and withdraw to their borders.

Tehran had held out for almost a year against sustained pressure from the United States, Britain and

other countries to go along with the request.

If Iran and Iraq now implement the ceasefire, eight years of conflict in the Gulf War — which has left at least 360,000 soldiers dead and caused heavy civilian casualties — could end where it began, with both nations' forces back inside their original borders.

Yesterday's move was seen as further evidence of Iran's

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wish to mend fences with a

string of countries that have

been alienated since the 1979

revolution.

Another sign came yesterday

when Canada and Iran

announced that their

diplomatic relations — frozen for

more than eight years — would

soon return to normal.

The Canadians will reopen

their embassy in Tehran by

mid-October, and the two

countries plan to exchange

ambassadors within a year.

Tehran's acceptance of

Resolution 598 came in a

letter from President Khomeini

to Secretary-General Pérez

de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-

General. It said: "... we

have decided to officially

accept the Security Council

Resolution 598.

Hezbollah, Ali Akbar

Hakimabadi, Rastakjani, the

Speaker of the Iranian

Parliament, said on Iranian

television that the decision was

taken personally by Ayatollah

Khomeini, declaring that the

move would open a new

chapter in Iran's history.

"The Islamic Republic finally

made an historic and

important decision which,

with the Imam's (Khomeini's)

decision to accept a ceasefire,

will open a new chapter in our

history," he said.

The Foreign Office inter-

preted the letter as an unquali-

fied acceptance of the resolu-

tion. It added: "If so... it

could be a breakthrough in

settling the conflict.

Señor Pérez de Cuellar also

saw it as an acceptance with-

out conditions, and said that

he had already discussed its

implementation with Iran's

delegate at the UN, Mr

Mohammad Jafar Mah-

latti. He said that Mr

Mahallati had given him the

news at midnight on Sunday,

but the Iranians did not make

it public for several hours.

Señor Pérez de Cuellar said

that the next step was to set a

date to halt the fighting. If he

had his way, it would go into

effect within hours. But he

indicated that this was hardly

feasible.

Negotiations with both

sides were due to begin last

night. "What I think, if I am

lucky, (is) I may have a

ceasefire in one week or 10

days," he said, adding that he

hoped there would be an early

exchange of prisoners.

The ceasefire would be ob-

served by an initial monitor-

ing team of about 10 officers

drawn from the UN truce

supervision organization in the

Middle East. Later, the

numbers would increase, rising

to about 250 officers.

Reaction in Baghdad was

more cautious, and the Iraqi

Government was said to be

"studying" Iran's move. A

Defence Ministry spokesman

said that Tehran still occupied

some Iraqi territory and he

called for an Iranian with-

drawal, "otherwise Iraqi

troops will force them to do

so".

Mr Latif Nassif al-Jassem,

the Information Minister, told

the Iraqi news agency, INA,

that Iraq was keen to achieve

peace according to the prin-

ciples that had been put

forward by President Saddam

Hussein on Sunday.

The minister said: "Iraq has

no official knowledge of the

nature of Iran's message ad-

ressed to the UN Secretary-

General, and we are still

dealing with a news item

announced by Radio Tehran

only."

But he alleged that the

Iranian statement did not

stem from a genuine desire to

establish real, enduring peace.

Rather, "it spoke of reasons

and circumstances in a tactical

multistage programme".

The British and American

governments, which have

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## Hats off to campaign unity



Campaign partners: Governor Michael Dukakis caps his political success by announcing at a press conference in Atlanta with the Rev Jesse Jackson their agreement to forget past rivalries and combine forces for a Democratic victory. Jackson joins team, page 20.

## Unions accuse Rover and BAe of collusion as 4,900 jobs go

By Colin Narborough and Tim Jones

Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, announced yesterday that the company is to close two of its plants with the loss of 4,900 jobs because of overcapacity.

The announcement led to union accusations of collusion between the Department of Trade and Industry, British Aerospace and the company.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, made an unsuccessful call in the Commons for an emergency debate.

Mr Gould accused BAe of delaying its final approval of the takeover terms last week to seek permission to begin "asset stripping".

The job losses mean that car assembly at the Cowley South works in Oxford will be phased out between now and the early 1990s and the body pressing plant at Llanelli, Rover's only operation in South Wales, will be closed in one go in 1990 with the loss of all 900 jobs.

Unions claimed the announcement substantiated their "worst fears" that Rover is to be taken over by the volume car industry and accused the company and the Government of keeping them in the dark over redundancy plans.

The job losses are part of the £1.5 billion plan to gear the state-owned car maker for the private sector.

Last week, the Government was plunged into a political embarrassment when BAe, the new owners of Rover, made a last-minute demand for extra time to reconsider the deal whereby it was to take over the group with generous government assistance.

A crisis was averted when European Community officials in Brussels made it clear the terms agreed would allow flexibility over the im-

plementation of the Rover corporate plan.

Mr Day said yesterday that the cuts he announced would have been the minimum whoever owned Rover and would "probably have been worse if it had been taken over by a competitor".

The Rover cuts form part of the corporate plan drawn up by Mr Day before the BAe takeover became known with the aim of improving capacity by concentrating production

of small and medium-sized cars at Longbridge, Birmingham, and executive cars at other works in Cowley.

The company said the moves to improve Rover's efficiency were not being forced on it by BAe or Brussels, but were a part of a longer-term strategy.

The phasing out of car assembly at Cowley South Works will begin in 1990 with the axing of 2,500 jobs, plus natural wastage, currently running at about 12 per cent of the workforce a year.

Maestro cars assembled at Cowley South are to be replaced by a new model, the R8, next year, while Montego production will be transferred to the adjacent Cowley North works. Body pressing work from Llanelli will be shifted to Rover's Swindon plant.

Mr Day said that despite the company's first-half profit of £7.1 million, its first for nine years, overall performance was still hampered by significant over-capacity.

This surplus capacity had to be dealt with in the light of the heightened competitive environment in the European car industry.

Mr Day assured that the volume of production, run-

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WIN £126,000

## Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

There was one winner in the daily game yesterday (see page 3). The Portfolio Accumulator fund stands at £126,000. Prices, page 26

## INSIDE

## Man 'may have raped 30 women'

Everald Jones, aged 24, the "Putney Rapist" jailed for 18 years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday, may have been responsible for up to 30 rapes, police said. They have issued his photograph in the hope that other possible victims will come forward. Detectives believe he could have committed between 25 and 30 rapes, although he was convicted of only six. Page 3

## Kremlin rebuff to Armenians

A Kremlin crisis session decided last night that the disputed Transcaucasian region of Nagorno-Karabakh would remain part of Azerbaijan, overruling the demand of the territory's Parliament to join neighbouring Armenia. Page 7

## Open winner

Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, won his third Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes with a last round of 65, the best of the tournament, for a total of 273, two strokes better than Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, who was second. Page 42

## Exam results

Degrees awarded by the University of Wales, Bangor, will be published tomorrow. Results from the Universities of Hull and Southampton and more Oxford Class Lists appear today. Page 37

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## Mortgage fear as base rates hit 10.5%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday authorized the sixth rise in base rates since early last month, in response to inflationary pressures in the economy.

Base rates were raised from 10 to 10.5 per cent, but City analysts accused the Chancellor of not stamping his authority on the situation and predicted further increases in the coming weeks.

The move will add to the prospective mortgage rate rise to take effect from August 1. The Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, said it would

decide on its new rate by the end of the week. A mortgage rate of between 11.25 and 11.75 per cent was likely, a spokesman said, compared with the present 9.8 per cent.

The Abbey National said that rates were likely to rise to between 11.25 and 12 per cent but gave warning that another base rate increase could push it higher.

In the absence of a further increase in base rates over the next few days, mortgage payments will rise by about a net £30 a month on a £30,000 mortgage.

The Treasury is hoping that this will take the steam out of the housing boom and cool the economy, but City economists are sceptical about this.

Official figures out yesterday showed the retail sales boom continuing and buoyant tax revenues flooding in to the Exchequer.

Mr Bill Martin, chief UK economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, predicted base rates of 12 per cent by the

autumn, with an outside chance that they could rise to 14 per cent.

The base rate rise hit shares but there was relief that the increase was not the full one per cent that had been expected. The FT-SE 100 index closed 122.2 points down at 1,349.3. The pound rose by 2.5 pence to DM3.1412 and by three-quarters of a cent to \$1.6695.

Government sources indicated yesterday that Sir Alan Walters could be working for Mrs Thatcher as personal economic adviser for "three

quarters of the time" on his expected return in a year's time (Nicholas Wood writes). They confirmed that he was discussing a return to a paid post at Downing Street.

Sir Alan, interviewed on ITN, repeated his contention that current high interest rates were the price for the Chancellor's past experimentation with exchange rate management.

"We're going to have to atone with these higher interest rates for the lower interest rates we enjoyed a few months ago," he said.

## Heathrow to be used by charters

By Richard Ford  
Political Correspondent

Charter flights are to be allowed to use Heathrow for the next two months in an emergency government package to ease the air traffic control crisis which has brought misery to thousands of British holidaymakers.

Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, will announce the moves today in response to demands from Conservative backbenchers and with his political future turning on the need to ease the problem.

But Mr Channon has ruled out any relaxation of night flight restrictions at Heathrow and Gatwick.

Mr Channon also will hold a separate meeting today with Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, and representatives of charter airlines.

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## Move to restrict right to jury trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Senior officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department are drawing up proposals, to be put to Ministers, for restricting the right to trial by jury.

They believe that the shortage of circuit judges is now so severe that curbing the right of defendants to elect trial by jury is the only way to tackle the growing mismatch between judicial manpower and the Crown Court workload.

The extent of the crisis and the officials' plans are revealed in confidential minutes received by *The Times* of a meeting held earlier this month of the senior officials of the Lord Chancellor's Department management board.

A paper on the crisis before the meeting, drawn up by two of the senior officials, warns that at least 40 new judges — on a conservative estimate — would have to be recruited every year to the present total

of 404 to cope with mounting numbers of Crown Court cases. It says that "there is little prospect that this could be achieved".

The minutes add: "More alarmingly, there was a likelihood that this projection would itself have to be revised upwards as workload levels in the Crown Court continued their sharp rise."

The officials, who are submitting a paper to the Lord Chancellor, to alert him of the "gravity of the problem", also fear the problem will soon become worse with proposals to reform the civil courts and increase the work of circuit judges. These are not taken account of in the projections.

The confidential minutes make it clear that officials believe it both "impossible" and "inherently undesirable" to continue trying to increase the size of the circuit bench.

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## Runcie puts price on church's unity

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The 500 bishops attending the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury were challenged by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, yesterday to choose between unity and fragmentation in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The price of unity, he said, was some loss of autonomy by the Communion's 27 provinces. Some would no longer be able to "go it alone" on such issues as the ordination of women. And he asked them to consider whether a reformed papacy could enhance the unity of all Christians.

Dr Runcie singled out the ordination of women as a "real and serious threat" to Anglican unity. There were dangers whichever way the issue was decided.

The clear implication was that churches such as the Episcopal Church of the United States, which has said it intends to consecrate women as bishops, could, in

principle, have to accept a veto from such a body as the Lambeth Conference.

Dr Runcie's address seemed to be designed to put his weight, as president of the conference, behind a strengthening of the authority of the Lambeth Conference.

The most controversial of his three agreed reports advocated, as Dr Runcie did yesterday, a centre of unity in Rome. His main criticism of the reports, he said, was their lack of emphasis on the role of the laity in decision making.

This was something, he said, the Anglican Communion could offer to the church of Rome.

The document on authority also proposes a common "declaration" which could be used throughout the Anglican Communion, and act as a touchstone, or even a definition, of Anglicanism.

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## Yard drops 89 remaining soccer hooligan cases

By Stewart Tindler

Scotland Yard's undercover operations against London football hooligan gangs ended yesterday in almost total debacle with the announcement that charges are to be dropped in all remaining cases involving a total of 89 defendants.

A senior source blamed the latest collapse on inexperienced officers, insufficient evidence and inept management. Cases were started when the evidence simply was not good enough.

In a statement yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service said the decision had been made because "there was insufficient evidence to afford a realistic prospect of securing convictions". The decision had the full

support of the Metropolitan Police.

London police have now lost prosecutions against 120 alleged hooligans after six lengthy, expensive operations. Nine officers are already under investigation by detectives from the Complaints Investigation Bureau after earlier cases collapsed. The Police Complaints Authority is now being called in to supervise the investigations.

So far none of the provincial police cases using undercover operations involving alleged hooligan gangs in the Midlands and the North has been affected.

The three cases dropped yesterday, after talks between the Yard and Mr Allen Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, were mounted less than three months ago against 17

supporters of West Ham United, 36 of Crystal Palace and 36 of Arsenal.

According to a Yard source the abandonment of the cases has not as yet raised questions of corruption or fabricated evidence but they show weak evidence and a serious lack of supervision by middle-ranking officers ranging from inspectors to superintendents, some of whom could now face a disciplinary inquiry.

Investigators reviewing the three cases which have been withdrawn found that some police logs and statements on observations were undated and untimed. Prosecutors would have had less than the 51 per cent chance of a conviction now required by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Senior officers admitted yesterday

they were probably wrong to have used relatively inexperienced uniformed men in undercover operations which might have been better used to gather intelligence rather than evidence. All current undercover operations against alleged hooligan gangs are now being used only to gather intelligence and a review of future policy is under way.

Undercover operations began in the autumn of 1985 against supporters of Chelsea, Millwall, Crystal Palace, Arsenal and West Ham United. By the time the last one was completed in a flourish of publicity this spring, 135 men had been arrested.

Five Chelsea supporters and two Millwall supporters have been convicted and eight defendants acquitted



## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Tourism bodies may be sold off

The Government is to consider privatizing the British Tourist Authority and English Tourist Board as part of a far-reaching review of the industry and the support it receives from the taxpayer. A review announced yesterday will examine the Government's role in developing and promoting tourism and whether the Authority and Board should be more independent from Whitehall.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that the investigation, which will be completed by the end of the year, would study the level of funding provided by the department and the mechanisms by which they were applied.

Mr Fowler added that the review would have to consider the cost effectiveness of £50 million provided by the government annually to both organizations at a time when the industry was expanding. His remarks led immediately to fears that the level of government funding to the industry would be reduced. However the review comes as the tourist industry experiences a boom.

## Call for cleaner water

The Princess Royal yesterday called for action on water pollution when opening an international conference on water pollution, research and control at Brighton and said she sometimes wondered whether it was only disasters which got things moving. She said Queen Victoria had authorised a Royal Commission on river pollution and added: "I just wonder whether she would think today we have improved at all. I suspect she might be appalled by the lack of progress in many areas, largely due to the disposable mentality and short-term outlook of modern man".

## Suzuki recall urged

The Consumers' Association is to urge Suzuki, the Japanese vehicle manufacturer, to recall thousands of its four-wheel-drive "jeeps" as a result of safety trials it has performed on the SJ410 and 413 models. The checks were made because of reports that the vehicles, marked by their high centre of gravity, short wheelbase and light weight, were involved in roll-over accidents in the United States in which 16 people were killed. Suzuki UK said yesterday all valid records indicated its vehicles sold in Britain over the past 10 years did not suffer the problems experienced in the US.

## Sex diaries 'burnt'

A model who allegedly burnt her flatmate's diaries because they contained details of their affairs with famous people yesterday denied stealing the diaries and a cassette tape when she appeared at Isleworth Crown Court, west London. Mr Nigel Peters, for the prosecution, said Miss Fiona Wright's diaries were an "explicit and erotic account" of her experiences with people such as Sir Ralph Halpern and Mr Derek Hatton. The model Jacqui Bell discovered her own relationships were detailed in the diaries, which she feared would be sold for publication. The case continues today.

## Cadet pilot, 17, killed

A pilot aged 17 was killed yesterday when two light aircraft belonging to the Gloucester and Cheltenham Flying Club collided during a training flight. The body of the pilot, an Air Training Corps cadet from Somerset who had not been named last night, was found in the wreckage of a two-seater PA 38 Piper Tomahawk near Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire. The other aircraft, also a Tomahawk, limped back to Staverton airport, near Gloucester, in spite of extensive damage. The pilot was not seriously injured. The Civil Aviation Authority said there would be a full investigation.

## Priest wins appeal

Mr David St Clair Tudor, aged 32, the former parish priest of St Philip's, Reigate, Surrey, was cleared of indecent assaults on three schoolgirls by the Court of Appeal yesterday. Mr Tudor, who has served his six-month sentence, less remission, was not in court to hear Lord Justice Russell describe his convictions at Guildford Crown Court in February as "unsafe and unsatisfactory". His convictions were quashed and sentence set aside.

## Airlines may have to show punctuality records

By David Sapsted and Robin Young

British airlines could be forced to produce their punctuality records after a week of chaos which has stranded thousands of holidaymakers at airports for two days or more.

As airline schedules slowly returned to normal yesterday, Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, said the chaos caused by air traffic controllers' industrial action in Greece had cast doubts on the capacity of many airlines to cope.

He rejected criticism of the authority, saying it had been the policy of the CAA and the Government in recent years to exert as tight a regulatory control as possible, allowing "financially and technically viable" services to develop according to the needs of the market-place.

"In trying to learn the lessons of what has been happening over the past few days, we have to look at the question of whether some operators do have the spare capacity to handle the situation if something goes wrong."

## Doubt on payments for delay

By Shona Crawford Poole Travel Editor

Thousands of holidaymakers will be disappointed in their claims for flight delay compensation.

Yesterday, as airport delays became fewer and shorter, it emerged that those held up by knock-on effects of last week's Greek air traffic dispute, may not be entitled to payment.

Those caught in long delays resulting directly from the Greek air traffic controllers' action will be covered by most travel insurance policies. Where delays were an indirect knock-on effect of that action, for example when aircrew ran out of hours, holidaymakers will not be covered. Mr Clive Longhurst, of the Association of British Insurers, said.

Delays resulting from the flow control systems imposed by air traffic controllers will not be covered either. "The number of people affected could be thousands rather than hundreds".

Reports that the past week's holiday chaos will cost the travel industry £5 million were yesterday described as exaggerated. The Association of British Travel Agents estimated that it might be between £2 million and £3 million.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, said: "We stopped counting our costs cost on Friday when they topped £1 million".

Booking conditions vary but commonly allow passengers to cancel their holidays with a full refund after a delay of 24 hours or longer.

"British Airways have seemed to cope with a difficult situation well. Others seem to base their planning on the hope that everything is going to be tickety-boo from London to Lesbos, from April to October. Experience has shown us that it is rarely like that."

The idea of forcing operators to produce punctuality tables, as in the United States, should be considered, he said. That would give the consumer the choice of saving a few pounds on a holiday by taking the chance on a carrier with a poor punctuality record or spending extra money on a more reliable one.

Lord King, British Airways' chairman, says in a letter published in *The Times* today, that criticism of the CAA and Department of Transport over the airports crisis should directed more fairly at their foreign counterparts. However, everyone involved in long-term planning to resolve problems of capacity, air traffic control and night-flight bans.

Pressure on the Government to lift restrictions on night flights into

Gatwick grew yesterday with the International Air Transport Association, the Air Transport Users' Committee and the Tour Operators' Study Group backing MPs' call for such action.

The airlines also believe the limit of 4,430 night flights in and out of Gatwick between April and October should be lifted. However, anti-noise groups yesterday sent a Telex to Mrs Margaret Thatcher opposing such a move and the British Airports Authority at Gatwick said that would "bring the whole system to a grinding halt".

If round-the-clock operations were allowed, "we would simply be denied the capacity to handle things when they turned sour."

Landing and take-off slots were not the problem at the weekend. Mr Tugendhat pointed out that slots at many airports went unfilled on Sunday because aircraft were stranded elsewhere and the operators did not have spare planes available to take advantage of the slots.

Gatwick, where most delays were

less than an hour last night, first tried to overcome the problem by having some aircraft loaded with passengers in the hope of a slot coming up. Passengers found waiting on planes for several hours even less acceptable than sitting in airport lounges and now an airlines' representative is in the control tower in the hope of getting advance notice of slots.

However, at Gatwick - where 112 flights were delayed more than four hours over the weekend - and at Manchester, 90 per cent of flights operated by Caledonian, the new name of British Airways' charter carrier, got away within an hour of the scheduled time because, it said, of "better forward planning".

Britannia had delays of up to 53 hours out of Manchester. Some of the worst delays over the weekend have affected flights from airports which are fully open for night flying - including a Britannia flight from Luton to Malaga due out at 7am on Sunday which was still waiting to leave yesterday afternoon.

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## Cowley workers expected closure

By Craig Seton

News of the progressive closure of Austin Rover's south works at Cowley, Oxford, was greeted with resignation and little surprise or anger by many of the 4,000 workers whose jobs are under threat.

Although a trade union official at Cowley said the closure would be fought, hourly-paid assembly line workers said they had been expecting the news, even before the British Aerospace takeover.

Many of the workers at the plant, where Maestro and Montego cars are made, heard yesterday's news on the radio before they each received a letter at their workplace from Mr Ivor Lewis, the director of Cowley operations.

He said: "The company wants to achieve the Cowley head count reduction as painlessly as possible. We already know of a lot of people considering early retirement and the addition of plant closure terms will make this option more attractive."

"Additionally, where possible, Cowley employees will be assisted with re-location to take up jobs elsewhere in the company."

Mr Guy Povey, aged 25, who works on the Montego production line, said: "It was on the cards anyway. I am not really surprised. Everybody had been expecting it."

Mr John Money, aged 26, said: "It has happened so quickly but I think it was on the cards before the British Aerospace takeover. I don't think anybody is angry."

However, Mr Ivor Braggins, the Transport and General Workers' Union convenor at Cowley, said: "We have been absolutely betrayed". The workforce had been soothed up by countless rumours and newspaper leaks about the fate of the plant and he could understand why many of them were resigned to this "kick in the teeth".

Cowley union officials hold an emergency meeting today. Llanelli, Dyfed, where the unemployment rate is 14.6 per cent, was stunned by the news that the Austin Rover pressing factory, which employs 900 workers, will close in 1990. Angry workers said displaced men would never find another job and the local council was trying to arrange a meeting with the car company in an attempt to win a reprieve.



A Manchester Airport passenger dozing the hours away before his holiday flight (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

## Audit office faces recruitment hitch

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The National Audit Office, the independent watchdog charged with monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of public bodies, is having trouble of its own.

The office frequently comments on how staff shortages are impairing the work of government departments but, according to a report yesterday, it too is facing recruitment and retention problems.

The Public Accounts Commission, a group of MPs which oversees the office,

revealed that the office had managed to recruit just four qualified audit staff in 1987-88 against a target of 21. The loss rate of qualified staff had climbed to 14 per cent in the first few months of this year.

The report acknowledged that the quality of the audit office's recruitment and training programmes made staff attractive to other organizations.

The Public Accounts Commission: Fourth Report (Stationery Office: £1.60).

## Regiments escape ethnic monitoring

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence has rejected the demand of a Tory-controlled committee of MPs that it should monitor the numbers of blacks and Asians in each regiment or corps.

The all-party Defence committee said in April that such monitoring was vital if allegations of racial discrimination by the more prestigious regiments were to be discounted.

But Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday rejected such monitoring on grounds

of practicality and principle. He defended the present system of monitoring the racial background of all applicants and said assignment to regiments depended on entrants' test results, individual wishes, the number of vacancies, and the geographical allegiances of regiments.

The committee looked into the ethnic composition of the armed forces after claims that blacks and Asians were excluded from the best regiments.

## Piper Alpha disaster

## Parkinson urged to release fire report

Trade union leaders will today accuse Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of Energy, of having "something embarrassing or disturbing to hide" if he does not agree to give them, in advance of the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, the confidential report into the earlier accident on the platform.

Mr Roger Lyons, assistant general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union said yesterday that unless details of the report, which resulted in more than 170 men being moved off the rig were forthcoming, then: "we will ask Mr Parkinson once more to resign".

Further pressure on Mr Parkinson to give union safety representatives a greater say in the North Sea operation came last night when Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, the EETPU, and his union team had a private meeting with the Minister.

Because of the suspension

British solicitors representing the families of victims of the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster, in which 166 people died, reacted angrily yesterday to the intervention of American "ambulance chasing" lawyers.

They say they can secure

£15 million in damages for each family. The British solicitors are expected to form a legal consortium to pursue a multi-million pound claim against Occidental Petroleum, the platform's operator. The action will probably be launched in Texas.

of his union from the TUC Mr Hammond and his team had been excluded from the main delegation of TUC-affiliated unions.

Mr Lyons said his union needed the report so its technical experts could make proper representation to the inquiry.

He made his accusations as Mr Lars Myhre, president of the Norwegian oil rig offshore workers' union, said safety standards in his country's sector of the North Sea were far more stringent.

Mr Myhre said unions there had statutory rights on safety not enjoyed by their British counterparts.

At today's meeting, Mr Parkinson will also be asked to establish an independent safety inspectorate for the North Sea rigs and to recognize the right of workers to ballot for union recognition. Mr Lyons said it was "inherently wrong" for the Department of Energy, which is in charge of production, to also be responsible for questions of safety.

Minutes after the first RAF rescue helicopters were scrambled in response to the Piper Alpha disaster, the platform's operators turned down the offer of a helicopter which could have been on the scene in a fraction of the time.

A Scottish Labour MP is to

question Mr Parkinson, about why Occidental Petroleum initially rejected an offer of help from BP, which included a search and rescue helicopter based in the nearby Forties Field. The RAF has no record of the offer.

Dr Norman Goldman, MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow, said the BP helicopter 5000, which was on a support vessel, loitered for 15 minutes flying time away whereas Sumburgh, in the Shetlands, and Aberdeen were only 50 or 70 minutes away.

It was "crucial" to establish whether RAF plans to deal with such emergencies included all offshore as well as onshore facilities, he added.

More than an hour after Occidental turned down BP's offer, it changed its mind and asked for the loiter to be sent to the scene. BP said it did not know whether the vessel's helicopter was used.

Occidental could not confirm BP's version last night.

## Armada beacon chain lights tonight

By Alan Hamilton

A confusion of dates notwithstanding, England will celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the first sighting of the Spanish Armada tonight by lighting a chain of 430 beacons from the Lizard to Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Don Baltazar de Zuriga, officer aboard the Armada flagship *San Martin*, wrote to Philip II: "The 30th at dawn the Armada was near with the land, so we were seen there from, whereupon they made fires and smokes." The good Catholic Spanish were already on the Gregorian calendar by

that time but the English were still 11 days behind on the Julian.

Mr Bruno Peek, a special events organizer who has co-ordinated the "Fire Over England" celebrations, said yesterday he felt that, as it was in fact July 19 in England at the time, today was the correct time to stage the anniversary.

Señor Don José de la Bellacasa, the Spanish ambassador in London, who does not have a lot to celebrate, has none the less forgotten old differences and has agreed to

light the first beacon at Kynance Cove on the Lizard at 10.10 pm tonight. Eighteen minutes later the chain will be completed at Hildon Hill, near Berwick, stopping just short of the Scottish border.

There is little historical evidence, at least on the English side, to confirm that a chain of beacons was indeed lit across the country on the first sighting of the Spanish fleet. Nor will the beacons in tonight's chain be entirely visible one from the other; forestry plantations, and much modern building, have

obscured ancient sightlines.

"You must remember," Mr Peek said yesterday, "that the original beacons were lit during the daytime, and it was not the flames which passed on the message, but the smoke. Smoke climbs high and can be seen for miles."

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by Mennen

## Hard left challenge

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The hard left wants to oust two key members of Neil Kinnock's shadow cabinet from Labour's ruling National Executive, according to the men's supporters last night.

The pro-Kinnock Labour co-ordinating committee said Mr Bryan Gould, the spokesman on trade and industry and Mr Michael Meacher, the spokesman on employment,

topped the hard left's list.

In an effort to alert supporters to the danger of losing their seats on the NEC, the committee has sent an emergency mailing to 1,300 activists.

It says that a defeat for the two men in the elections held at the party's annual conference would be a blow to the process of modernizing the policy and organisation.

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# Baptist was arrested and freed three times during reign of terror

## Putney Rapist gets 18-year prison term for series of attacks

By Michael Horsell and Mark Ellis

A man known as the "Putney Rapist", who was jailed for 18 years last night, may have been responsible for up to 30 rapes, detectives said yesterday.

They believe that many women may be too frightened to come forward and have issued his photograph in the hope of persuading them to contact the police.

Everald Irons, aged 24, who is married to a policewoman, was found guilty yesterday of six rapes, an attempted rape and a charge of indecent assault by a jury of eight women and four men at the Central Criminal Court.

The court was told that Irons bound and gagged all but one of his victims after stalking them late at night in south-west London and saying he had a knife.

Mr Justice French said: "You are still a relatively young man. That, allied with the fact that you have never been convicted of offences, is all that can be said in favour of you."

"I have to sentence you for what must and can only be described as a campaign of rape. In my judgement, the very least sentence that it would be proper to impose is 18 years' imprisonment."

Irons was charged of raping a woman aged 25 as she walked home alone after an argument with her boyfriend on July 5

1986, when she was dragged from a street on to Putney Heath and raped.

All the verdicts were unanimous, except for that of attempted rape, passed by 10 to two.

Irons was arrested three times before his 18-month campaign of terror was halted. On each occasion, he was freed to rape again due to lack of evidence and the collapse of a court case.

He was finally caught after he raped a young woman while his home was under police surveillance. She identified the church-going chef the next day, after his arrest at work in a Post Office canteen.

In August 1986, as a specialist squad of 25 police officers took part in "Operation Optic" so codenamed because the rapist wore distinctive gold-rimmed spectacles, Irons married a "born-again" Christian policewoman at a Baptist wedding attended by members of the Christian Police Association.

His wife, Anne, who works in the youth and community section of the Metropolitan Police in Croydon, south London, stood by Irons during his trial and has been on compassionate leave since his arrest. She denied altering entries in her diary to mislead the jury about his whereabouts on the nights of four rapes.

However, she told the court that on many occasions before and after their marriage, Irons, aged 24, would leave her alone at their flat in Boyd Road, Colliers Wood, to drive her car around the streets of south London late at night on the pretext that he needed "space".

The couple met at Tooting Junction Baptist Church, when she was converted in 1979, and in spite of mutual parental objections and her being three years his senior, they started dating in 1981 and began to talk about marriage two years later.

Irons, an only child, was brought up by his mother in south London and had a strict Baptist childhood. He was remembered as an intelligent, hard-working boy at the Ernest Bevin School in Tooting.

One theory is that he raped as a result of his strict upbringing, because he felt repressed and envious of his freer contemporaries.

Irons committed no rapes on the Sabbath, never indulged in gratuitous violence and always carefully untied his victims afterwards.

The hunt for the Putney Rapist - so named because his victims were all attacked in a relatively small area of south-west London - began after a woman was raped in Streatham in December 1985 by a man fitting Irons's



METROPOLITAN POLICE Appeal for Assistance

## RAPE

Police wish to interview a man like this in connection with a series of rapes. He is black, in his early 20s, 5'11" tall, of a slim athletic build, with close-cropped dark hair and wears tinted glasses. He wears a dark bomber style jacket, jeans and trainers.



Please contact the Incident Room at PUTNEY POLICE STATION

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Two faces of the Putney Rapist: Irons at his wedding to Anne, a policewoman, and on a Metropolitan Police poster.

description, though he was not then known to police. At 1.45am on March 2 1986, a young prostitute from Leeds was waiting for a girl friend in Streatham High Road when she was grabbed by a man with a knife. However, a routine police patrol saw what appeared to be a mugging and arrested Irons.

Detectives spotted the similarities between the two attacks and the first rape victim picked out Irons from an identity parade on an escalator at Kennington Underground station.

He was charged with rape but the case collapsed at the ensuing committal at Crampton Magistrates' Court as in

fact Irons had only attempted to rape her and had forced her to perform an oral sex act. She broke down in the witness box and admitted she had lied under oath because she wanted him convicted of rape. Irons pleaded guilty to common assault and was given an absolute discharge.

In the ensuing months, a series of rapes in south-west London occurred.

At Putney police station, the rape inquiry squad studied 18 reported rapes and indecent attacks and received 800 calls a day after an artist's impression, bearing a strong resemblance to Irons, was drawn of the attacker. By September 1986, Irons was the prime suspect and for 26 days

police monitored his every move, including shopping trips with his wife. A month later, Irons was arrested but was released after 36 hours. Identity parades and DNA "fingerprints" failed to link him to the rapes.

In March 1987, Det Supt David Tucker was appointed to review the case after a woman went to Wandsworth police station to report a car accident and saw a poster of the rapist. She alleged the man had raped her the previous year, although she had not reported the crime at the time. Irons was held but she failed to identify him in a parade.

From April 21, two policemen posing as Irish labourers kept watch on Irons's house

using a nearby private house and a variety of vehicles to log his movements.

On May 27, Irons left home alone late at night in his wife's car. His last victim, a woman aged 20, was raped in Bickers Road, Tooting. She was also forced to perform indecent acts, including oral sex.

He returned home at 12.15am - exactly 15 minutes after the attack. Later that morning, he was arrested at the main sorting office of the Post Office in King Edward Street, central London, and identified by his last victim. Forced to admit he had lied about his movements that night, his long reign of terror was over.

## Civil Servants may be electronic tagging testers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office is evaluating electronic tagging with a view to testing it on volunteer Civil Servants.

They will try out wristlets and ankle tags at home and in the office to see how the devices stand up to daily life, including having a bath or washing up. The Home Office wants to test if the devices do the job now being considered by ministers and are reliable.

Tagging involves fitting offenders with a wristlet or leg band which contains an electronic monitor, so that movements can be tracked through a computerised and unbreakable system. It is one of the options being considered for a new sentence being discussed in a Green Paper yesterday.

Several firms have been to the Home Office to demonstrate equipment. Marconi Electronic Devices said yesterday it was making electronic tags for wristlets and ankle tags for an

American company, CSI, based in Florida. It added that the device had been demonstrated to the Home Office and "that's all that we can say".

The Government believes there is scope for reducing the use of imprisonment by introducing a form of punishment which leaves the offender in the community but has components which embody deprivation of liberty, action to reduce the risk of offending, and recompense to the victim and public. The range of requirements under the new scheme could include many features already available. Legislation might be introduced which would enable any or all of these elements to be combined in a single supervisory order.

The scheme could include: compensation to the victim; community service; residence at an approved place such as a hostel; prescribed activities at a day centre or elsewhere;

curfew or house arrest; tracking an offender's whereabouts; staying away from particular places.

The aim of the order would be to make a sharp initial impact on offenders but perhaps allow them to progress to less rigorous forms of supervision, subject to good behaviour and under judicial supervision.

The Government would want some judicial oversight by a magistrate over the sentence until it was completed. He or she would be able to vary the order, either relaxing the requirements if good progress was made or, if necessary, reimposing requirements if the offender's response worsened, without actually breaching the order.

The Green Paper says: "This arrangement would have the advantage of keeping the magistrates in touch with an offender's subsequent behaviour".

Sanctions for failing to meet the

requirements of an order might, depending on the seriousness of the offence, be a fine, imposing a curfew, or revoking the order and resentencing the offender for the original offence to a term of imprisonment.

No victim, however, should feel under any obligation to take part in arrangements for reparation. Nor should a victim's decision on reparation affect the court's decision in sentencing the offender.

Mrs Ann Taylor, Shadow Home Affairs Minister, strongly criticized the proposal to introduce curfews and electronic tagging. "Experience in the United States has shown that in practice it has rarely been used as an alternative to prison. It is expensive, difficult to run and has caused serious problems for the families of those tagged."

Punishment, Custody and the Community (Stationery Office: £3.60)

## Parents can be named after wardship hearing

Parents who gave evidence in private about the sexual abuse of their children, who were also forced to drink the blood of humans and sheep during "satanic orgies", should be named, the Court of Appeal said yesterday.

Fifteen people named in wardship proceedings when Nottingham County Council sought adoption orders for 17 children now face prosecution, as evidence will be passed to police and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Some of the parents were appealing against a decision by Mrs Justice Booth, made during a private hearing in Nottingham two weeks ago, that her findings should be made public. They claimed it

would inhibit the frankness of evidence given in private.

However, yesterday, Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court Family Division, sitting with Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Taylor, accepted Mrs Justice Booth's view that public interest outweighed confidentiality in this case. They should be prevented from involving other children in their "satanic" practices, Sir Stephen said.

"It was alleged that over a considerable period of time these children of varying ages had been subjected to gross sexual abuse at the hands of adults, sometimes at parties where full intercourse had taken place."

## Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Winner to take a holiday

The winner of yesterday's portfolio prize of £4,000 was Mrs Anne Houghton, of Ross Court, Stirling.

Mrs Houghton, who works for the National Trust, said she and her husband would probably use the money to take a brief holiday in Scotland before venturing further afield later this year.

She said: "We have had quite a hard time recently and the money has come at a good time."

"I have three children and might give a portion of the money to them, but we will probably use some of our winnings to travel to France."

## West London Sky TV base

Sky Television, the satellite television company, is to be based in 60,000 sq ft of office space at a west London business centre. Mr Rupert Murdoch's company is due to complete a deal for the autumn move within days.

Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Sky News and a sports channel plan to begin broadcasts from there next February.

## Actor settles

Madhav Sharma, the actor, whose wife, the actress Jenny Seagrove, was granted a decree nisi at the Divorce Court in London last week, yesterday settled out of court a claim for arrears when he surrendered himself to magistrates at Highbury, north London.

## Benefits 'lost'

Thousands of claimants are losing essential benefits because of chronic staff shortages at the Department of Health and Social Security, the National Union of Civil and Public Servants said yesterday. The department denied the allegation.

## Trade appeal

Manila (AFP) - Three Philippine senators said the country must break out of the Cold War syndrome and increase trade with the socialist bloc when they returned from a visit to the Soviet Union.

## Drug protest

Kingston (AFP) - Jamaica's Prime Minister, Mr Edward Seaga, has criticized the United States for not doing enough at home to combat drug abuse while putting pressure on other countries to halt production and smuggling.

## Property boom slows in South-east

By Christopher Warren, Property Correspondent

## Mortgage rise to dampen price spiral

Higher mortgage rates, implemented after yesterday's rise in bank base rates, will emphasize a trend towards lower house price increases in the coming months, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said yesterday.

Building societies are expected to put up their rates in the next few days by 1.5 to 2 per cent, taking effect from August 1. Such an increase would add about £73 a month to the average £50,000 mortgage in London.

Mr Peter Miller, of the surveyors' institution, said the higher bank rate announced yesterday confirmed trends

his organization had predicted. However, people were "more used to interest rate fluctuations", he said, adding that they would not have a serious impact on the market.

In its latest national survey, the RICS reported a quieter market in London and the South-east, while the property boom continued elsewhere.

The August clampdown on multiple mortgage tax relief is partly responsible for the situation in London, where potential buyers realize they cannot beat the deadline.

Throughout the rest of England and Wales, agents reported a strong seller's market.

Shortages of property, particularly in the upper and middle ranges, are fuelling rises and an increase in gazumping.

The institution says first-time buyers in many areas are experiencing problems in climbing the housing ladder as accelerating prices swamp England and Wales.

Mr Miller said the slowing-down of the market in London and the South-east was the result of the change in mortgage tax relief and rate rises.

"In other areas the shortage of property coupled with strong demand is thrusting prices upwards. However, I expect a slowing of the market

towards the end of the year if the current trend in the South-east continues."

Of the 180 estate agents contributing to the survey, more than half reported price increases above 8 per cent during the quarter to the end of June. In particular, Wales showed "amazing rises", with more than 90 per cent of agents reporting increases above 8 per cent.

Private housing starts in Britain totalled 60,800 in the second quarter of 1988, an increase of 22 per cent compared with the same period last year, the National House-Building Council announced.

## 10 university science units 'facing axe'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Up to 10 universities could be told to stop teaching science and become "centres of the liberal arts", Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said yesterday.

Sir Mark, vice-chancellor of Manchester University, predicted that a review of physics and chemistry teaching, being carried out by the University Grants Committee, could result in science departments at between five and 10 universities being axed.

He said he was broadly in favour of the idea of concentrating the teaching of particular subjects in "centres of excellence" at a time when government funding to higher education was falling and

costs were rising. Interviewed on the BBC World Service, Sir Mark declined to name the institutions which he believed might be at risk from the review.

The UGC, responsible for distributing the £1.5 billion, said it was far too early to talk of closing departments.

"These two reviews are still working and we do not expect even their interim views until September. The inquiries into the teaching of Physics and Chemistry are part of a programme of in-depth subject reviews begun in response to Government pressure for measures to ensure that money was being spent effectively."

The first review, of Earth Sciences, reported last year.

## Family court will 'save taxpayers millions'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money will be saved if a family court is established, a report says.

The report, published yesterday by the Family Courts Campaign, says possible savings on existing costs range from £24 million to more than £30 million, against an estimated outlay of £15 million.

At present, family breakdowns are dealt with by the courts in an unnecessarily painful way, the report says. Reform could dramatically reduce the human cost of such breakdowns and lead to a cheaper system all round.

Mr Peter Riches, co-ordinator of the Family Courts Campaign, said: "The report shows that there is no financial excuse for not in-

roducing a family court."

Recent events in Cleveland had shown the need for a better court system.

Among reforms the study says could cut costs by millions of pounds are:

● A family court reconciliation service to by-pass the need for costly legal aid, saving between £6.9 million and £9.2 million.

● Specialization would mean a reduction in wardship and possible savings of up to £7.5 million.

● The use of different procedures and comprehensive welfare service would save nearly £10 million.

Family Courts - The Price is Right (Family Courts Campaign, Eaton House, 66a Eaton Square, London SW1).

## How 40 winks helps combat stress

By Ronald Farr

A catnap at work helps anyone doing a stressful job, American experimental psychologists say. Such work might be coping with a nuclear power plant alert, launching a man into space or fighting a forest fire, according to the researchers from Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine.

The team, which has been investigating the relationship between work and stress, subjected 41 adults to tests during a 56-hour period when they were allowed only a two-hour catnap.

The psychologists' report says that sleep loss and chronobiological variants in behaviour are taking on greater importance as two of the most pervasive limiters of human capability. That importance grows as work increasingly is done around the clock by more workers in government and private industry, especially those in health and safety jobs.

The researchers found that taking 40 winks held promise as an answer to fatigue or, as the report put it, "real world quasi-continuous work scenarios". It

adds, however: "There appears to be no substitute for sleep itself."

The study showed that while a nap benefited a worker's visual reaction time it did not necessarily improve mood. Workers who began a catnap in a bad mood were likely to feel the same when they woke up.

The Benefits of a Nap During Prolonged Work and Wakefulness (Taylor & Francis Ltd, Rankin Road, Basingstoke, Hants; by subscription).

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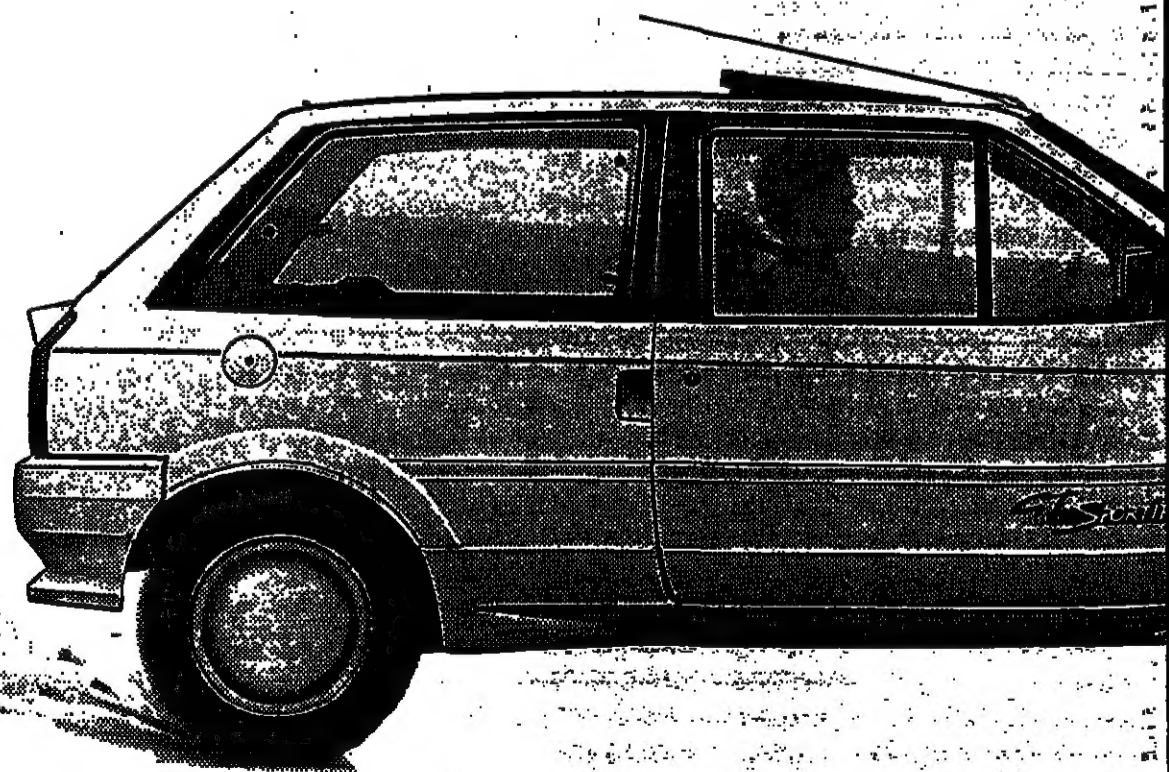
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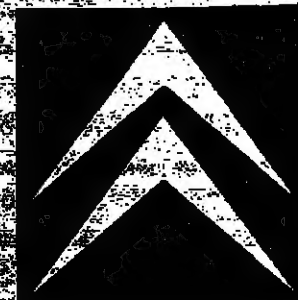


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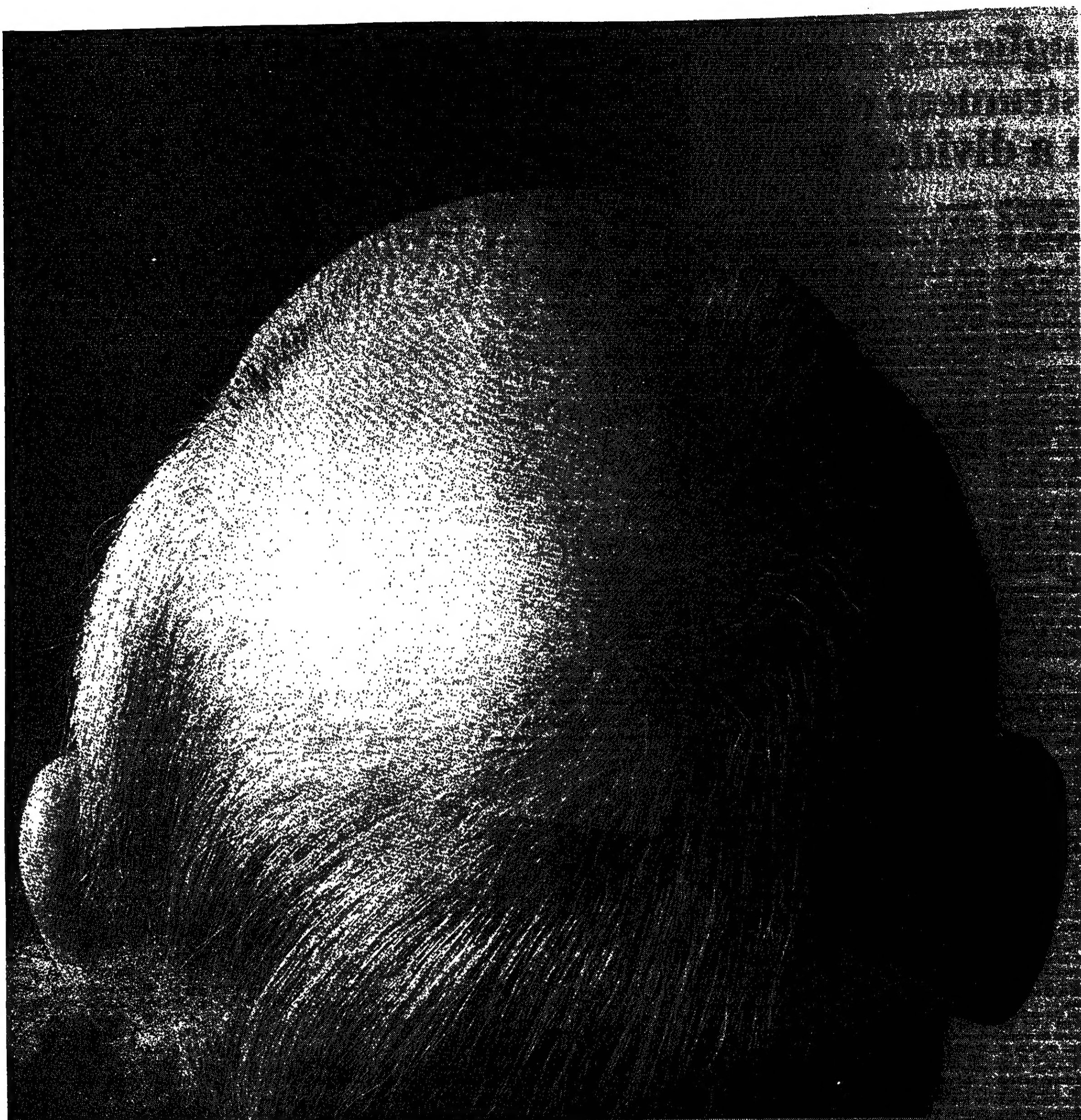




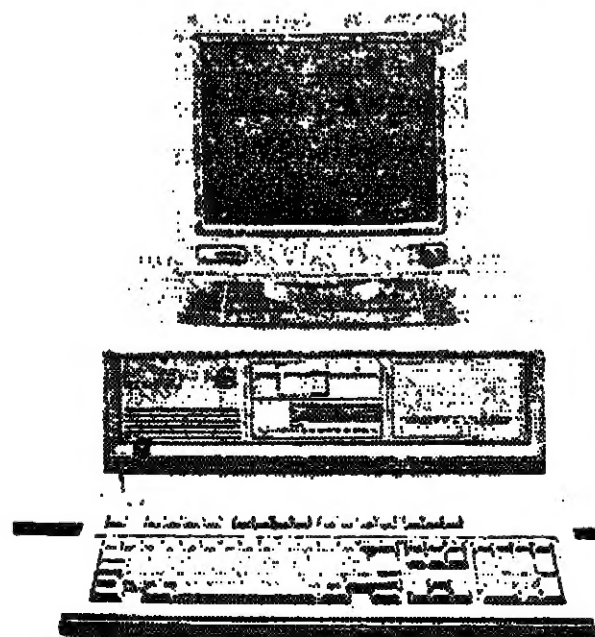
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# Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh founder at Kremlin

From A Correspondent, Moscow

As thousands of Armenians returned to work after a two-week strike, the focus of their dispute with neighbouring Azerbaijan shifted to Moscow yesterday when a top-level meeting of Kremlin officials appeared to reject pleas for the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh to become part of Armenia.

Parliamentary leaders of the two republics clashed at the meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body.

Mr Grant Voskanyan of Armenia demanded self-determination for Nagorno-Karabakh, where the majority Armenian population has waged a five-month struggle to free itself from Azerbaijani administration.

But Mr Suleiman Tatlijev of Azerbaijan accused Nagorno-Karabakh of "total insubordination" and declared that the region, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923, had no justifiable grounds for an administrative transfer.

Tass later reported Mr Voskanyan as saying that adopting a draft resolution "could bring pain and disappointment to the Armenian

people... in all probability and to our great disappointment, we have been unable to convey to members of the Presidium the acuteness and tragedy of the situation in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh". At least 36 people have died in the ethnic unrest.

Earlier the Communist Party chief of Nagorno-Karabakh, Mr Genrikh Poghosyan, told the meeting: "In a socialist state it is impermissible for one nation to decide the fate of another. The fate of Nagorno-Karabakh can only be decided by the Nagorno-Karabakh people themselves."

Mr Voskanyan and Mr Tatlijev led 10-member delegations to the Presidium talks, opened by President Gromyko with a call for legal measures to satisfy both sides.

"The search for a correct solution must be carried out within the framework of the Soviet Constitution, socialist values and mutual respect for the opinions, traditions and national dignity of every people," Mr Gromyko said.

But Mr Voskanyan responded by charging that Nagorno-Karabakh had suffered economically under Azerba-

jani administration, with violations of the national rights and dignity of Armenians there.

Ethnic Armenians form 75 per cent of Nagorno-Karabakh's population. Last week the region's governing soviet posed an unprecedented challenge to Kremlin rule by declaring that the small enclave was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia.

Nagorno-Karabakh workers downed tools in mid-May, and local journalists said yesterday that the strike was continuing there despite a return to work in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

The return to work, announced at a mass rally of some 300,000 people in Yerevan at the weekend, was described by activists as a "tactical move" aimed at gaining Kremlin support ahead of the Presidium session.

The Moscow meeting was being attended by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, for whom the Nagorno-Karabakh issue has become a thorn in the side of his glasnost policies. Opponents point to the unrest as an argument for clamping down on openness and democracy.

## Runaway two-year-old survives five days in the Outback



Eric Taylor, aged two, hugging his mother when they were reunited, left, after he had vanished from his home and wandered for five days in the Australian bush.

The boy, wearing only a disposable nappy and a vest, faced the threat of being killed by wild pigs, crocodiles or snakes. But he survived against all the odds by eating insects and sucking wet leaves (Christopher Morris writes).

He was found by search teams near Cooktown, in north Queensland, covered in grubs and suffering from dehydration. He had walked or crawled 12 miles and had endured storms and chilly nights.

Police Sergeant Ken Salmon said: "There was a python five metres long lying across the track near where he was found. I've seen these snakes big enough to swallow a wallaby. The area is also full of wild pigs that would easily kill a small boy."

## Slovene anger as military court tries journalists

From Dassa Trevisan  
Belgrade

Three journalists and a soldier accused of possessing and disseminating military secrets appeared before a military court in Ljubljana yesterday in a closed trial which has triggered a wave of protest in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia.

The case of Ivan Jansa, David Tasic and Franci Zavrt, writers and editors on the controversial youth magazine *Mladina*, and Sergeant-Major Ivan

Borstner, was heard by a panel of five military judges. If found guilty they could be sentenced to up to 15 years' imprisonment.

The case stems from a *Mladina* report that the Yugoslav Army was planning to crush liberal trends in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most prosperous and Westernized republic.

Requests by the accused for civilian lawyers and a public trial have been dismissed by the military judges on the ground that the case concerns military secrets.

Since the arrest in early June of the journalists and the sergeant a wave of protest has swept Slovenia. The Army has been accused of starting the proceedings as a revenge for the magazine's critical articles about the privileges of the military establishment, about Yugoslav arms sales, and about alleged plans for a military intervention to suppress liberal trends in Slovenia.

Mr Igor Bavcar, a leader of the human rights committee set up on behalf of the four men, said that the

public was briefly admitted into the court room before the trial was declared closed.

More than 70,000 people and 500 organizations in Slovenia have signed petitions calling for the release of the men.

Public polls have revealed that the majority of Slovenes believe that the military secrets were "planted" and that the trial itself was intended to silence all those who question the Army's political role or push for democratization.

### US espionage inquiry

## Former Navy man given asylum by the Soviet Union

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A former enlisted man in the US Navy who could provide valuable information to the Soviet Union has turned up in Moscow and been given political asylum. He disappeared two years ago and had special intelligence clearance.

The FBI in Washington identified him as Glenn Michael Souther, in his 30s, who vanished in May 1986, shortly after graduating in Russian from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

*Newsweek* gave Souther the name "Glen Michael Souther", and said he had asked for asylum because "he had to hide from the US special services, which were pursuing him groundlessly". The article did not say how long he had been in Moscow.

FBI and Navy officials are worried by Souther's disappearance because he had access to satellite photographic data while on duty with the Sixth Fleet in Italy in the early 1980s. While attending university he had been assigned as an active reservist to the Naval Intelligence Centre in Norfolk.

He disappeared soon after being questioned by FBI counterintelligence agents. Investigators know that he has since visited his mother in Illinois and used a one-way ticket to Rome, the home of his son and former wife.

US intelligence officials said Souther had been questioned on suspicion of espionage, but he had not been caught in the act and therefore had not been held. It is suspected that he entered the Soviet bloc soon after disappearing.

Souther joined the Navy in 1975 and left active duty in late 1982 with the rank of photographer's mate. After his

disappearance, FBI agents questioned all his teachers, friends and acquaintances. One former girlfriend recalled that he always seemed to have plenty of money. He had wanted to become a Navy officer but was turned down as an officer candidate.

Suspicion about his activities came in the wake of a spy scandal involving John Walker, a former Navy man, and some of his relatives, as well as the defection of Edward Lee Howard, a former CIA agent. Howard also disappeared and showed up in Moscow in August, 1986.

Howard had been due to become an undercover member of the CIA in Moscow but was dismissed after a polygraph showed deception, drinking, drug use, petty theft and other signs of instability.

The FBI said an espionage investigation was under way. One official speculated that the Soviet announcement of Souther's arrival in Moscow had been delayed until after a full debriefing.

Teachers described Souther as intelligent but undisciplined. Mr Leonid Mihailov, his Russian professor, said he "was kind of an overgrown delinquent, always horsing around". He recalled that Souther had been suspended for a term at university for an incident in which he bit a young woman on the neck.

Even so, Souther was a good Russian student who had been selected as a member of the university's Slavic Studies honour society. The professor was glad to hear Souther was alive, but surprised to hear that his former student had ended up in the Soviet Union. "My impression was that he loved the Navy and wanted to become an officer," he added.

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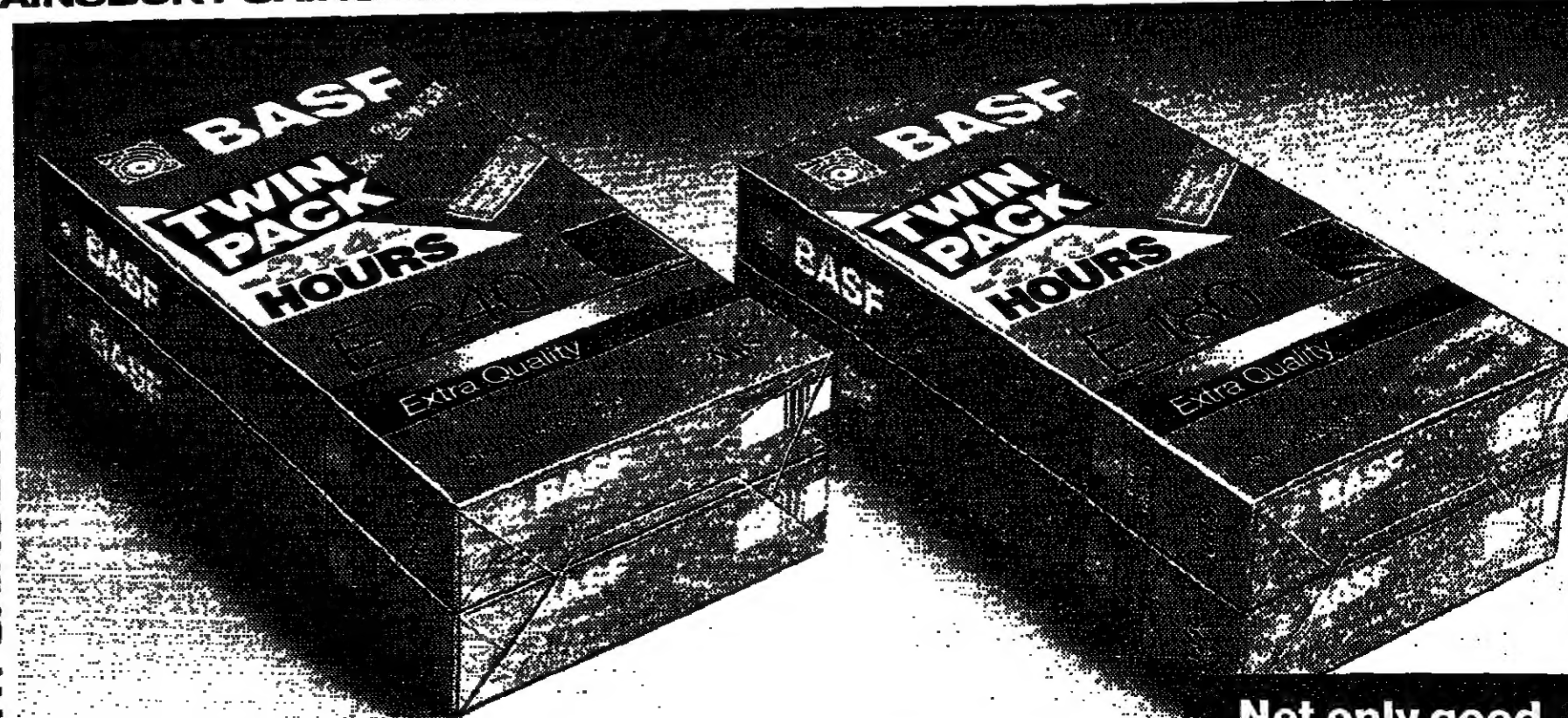
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## Transvaal paper breaks ranks on 70th birthday of jailed ANC leader

## Afrikaner appeal for release of Mandela

From Michael Hornsby  
Johannesburg

A government-supporting Afrikaans newspaper yesterday made an unprecedented appeal to the Government to release from jail Nelson Mandela, the leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

The appeal came against a background of worldwide calls for the freeing of Mandela, who celebrated his 70th birthday in Pollsmoor prison outside Cape Town yesterday. The ANC leader was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 on charges of sabotage and high treason.

The Transvaal morning news-

paper, *Beeld*, argued in a leading article that "a jailed Mandela is worth more to the ANC's propaganda war than a free Mandela". If released, he would find it "difficult to maintain the image of a living legend that he has acquired. If a more suitable time for his release is awaited, we can state now that that time will never come... Do we really want to imprint into our history that we let an old man die in jail while there was an opportunity to negotiate with him on the aspirations of his people? That, perhaps, is the most pressing question that has to be answered."

The *Beeld* article was the most

outspoken appeal for the unconditional release of Mandela ever to have been uttered from within the ranks of the Afrikaner establishment.

President Botha offered to release Mandela three years ago, provided that he gave a prior undertaking to renounce the use of violence as a means of achieving political goals. But Mandela has refused to accept that condition unless the Government abolishes all apartheid laws and all restrictions on political activity.

At a press conference in Johannesburg Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the ANC leader,

said she saw little hope of her husband's release in the near future. Given the Government's current mood, it was "not on the cards in the next few years".

Speaking in front of a huge wall-banging bearing Mandela's portrait and the legend "The nation salutes you", Mrs Mandela thanked foreign countries for their show of support for her husband, and then joined in dancing and the singing of freedom songs with young black supporters.

Asked why black groups here had not tried to stage some more spectacular demonstrations to mark Mandela's birthday, such as a

national "stayaway" from work, Mrs Mandela replied: "Not even the (Mandela) family would have welcomed that sort of gesture from the country, which would have harassed the innocent masses to harassment."

Outside Cape Town about 800 people, mainly blacks, defied state of emergency regulations to attend a church service honouring Mandela in the black township of Langa. The gathering was addressed by Dr Allan Boesak, an opponent of the Government who heads the mixed-race section of the Dutch Reformed Church.

There was commotion in the

church as anti-riot police gathered at the entrance. "Let them stand at the doors and let them hear that Nelson Mandela will come out of prison to lead the people. Let them hear what we are saying today," Dr Boesak cried. "What is it that makes the Government so afraid of a man who is 70 years old and still in jail after 25 years?"

Diplomats from the United States, Britain, Canada, The Netherlands, Greece and Switzerland attended the service, which was punctuated by shouts of "Viva Mandela" from the congregation.

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## Party-going takes priority over party issues at convention

From Charles Bremner, Atlanta

Which party? For many of the 35,000 delegates, staff, lobbyists and newsmen in Atlanta the question has been an agonizing one. Get invited to the right soiree and your career could be in the bag.

Seeing and being seen with the movers and shakers is, for many, the top priority. For them the scripted television spectacular of the convention takes second place to the very serious war of the parties. They are ignoring one of Lyndon Johnson's favourite dictums: "Dance with the one that brings ya."

For the past three days, Atlanta has resounded to the rhythm of Dixieland bands, the clink of glasses and the slapping of backs as the cast of characters — from big-league TV "anchors" to Arkansas state legislators — have done their respective rounds.

The biggest party-givers are the editors and publishers and other media moguls who have flown in to raise their profiles and burnish their egos.

For the less ambitious among the 17,000 press, there has been a chance to mix work and pleasure by investigating the naked dancer issue.

This embarrassment to Atlanta's civic dignity erupted into national news after an 82-

year-old judge blocked an attempt by local legislators to close nude-dancing bars before the convention.

"I feel part of the convention — part of history, really," said Brittain, a 20-year-old dancer who is honouring the convention by wearing a royal blue collar and red, white and blue G-string.

Even Mr Michael Dukakis has been shedding a little of his image as "Zorba the

Clerk", dancing sirtaki on Sunday night at the restaurant of Mr Panos Karatasos, his cousin.

On his side, the parties have not stopped at the glitz-laden Marriott Hotel, headquarters of "Jesse's Army", a sweat-soaked one-minute walk from Mr Dukakis in the Hyatt.

Until last night's Jesse-Mike peace deal, the black campaigners were partying separately to nurse their grievances and air them to any waiting camera crew. As Mr Jackson put it, with the turn of phrase that has the Dukakis people

seething: "The party's not over till it's over and then it's not over."

The invitation to kill for was not from the Dukakis cousin or any of the political heavyweights who have descended on the Deep South. It was "Newsmaker's 88", a bash laid on by Mr Ted Turner, the flamboyant television mogul known as the Mouth from the South, whose successful Cable News Network is based alongside the convention site in the Omni Coliseum.

Apart from Mr Dukakis and his wife Kitty, the people everybody wanted to meet were the likes of Mr Peter Jennings, the ABC News anchor, whose face beams from a giant billboard opposite the convention site.

More serious as a party topic than Jesse's tiff with Michael was the question: "Will Walter and Dan see it through?" CBS has brought in both Dan Rather, its prickly star news presenter and his venerable predecessor, Walter Cronkite.

Rather cannot abide Cronkite and America is poised for fireworks. "We're waiting to see if Dan talks to Walter with a 30-degree, 40-degree or 50-degree chill in his voice," said a CBS staff man.



US ELECTION

## Clashes as Dutch police evict squatters



A squatter in Amsterdam keeping a wary eye out for police yesterday as about 200 squatters were evicted from the derelict former military warehouse behind him, their home for more than a decade.

Two policemen were injured and six people were arrested in a two-hour battle between the authorities and squatters (A Correspondent writes). The squatters,

their ranks swollen by some 70 sympathizers, stoned police and set fire to four buildings on the site in Conradstraat, in the east of the city. As 600 riot police made their first charge, squatters also set fire to huge barricades of furniture and wooden sheds surrounding the warehouse. Police repeatedly charged the squatters and used water

cannon to storm the buildings. The warehouse is to be demolished to make way for 144 new council homes.

Squating in Amsterdam started in the 1970s because of a serious housing shortage. But public support for the squatters waned as the city authorities embarked on a huge low-price housing programme.

## WORLD ROUNDUP

## Ugandan officer shot on Kenya isle

Nairobi — A Ugandan National Resistance Army officer and a Kenyan civilian were killed during a two-hour engagement between Kenyan security forces and Ugandan soldiers who "invaded" the Kenyan island of Sumba in Lake Victoria on Saturday (Andrew Buckle writes).

The Ugandans were reported to have beaten and robbed fishermen on the island after arriving there on a motor boat. They do not appear to have had any military objective, but the prominence given to them in the Kenyan press as Ugandan National Resistance Army troops threatens a revival of last year's border tension between the two countries. This culminated in several days of cross-border shooting in December, in which the Kenyans claimed to have killed more than 20 Ugandans.

It was resolved only after a meeting between President Museveni of Uganda and President Arap Moi of Kenya. Then, as now, according to the Kenyans, the shooting was sparked off by unruly Ugandan soldiers. However, there are distinct underlying strains between the two countries.

## Harare security fear

Harare — Six whites, including two Britons, who are alleged to have spied on the African National Congress in Zimbabwe, yesterday appeared in court specially convened here inside two separate prisons.

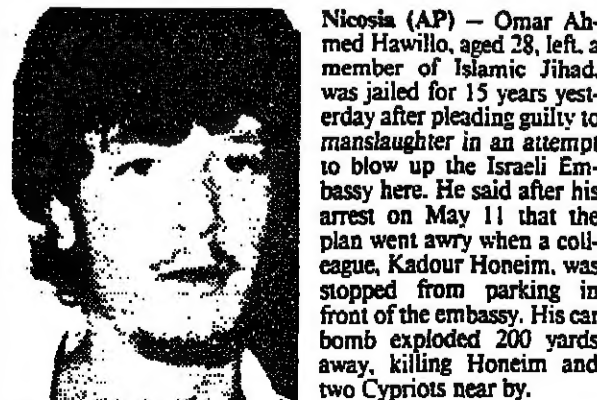
The extraordinary measures reflect Government concern over the security of 14 alleged South African agents in Zimbabwe prisons after an abortive attempt to rescue five alleged agents being taken to court on June 29. The six were remanded on charges of keeping surveillance on ANC personnel. Journalists were refused admission.

## Trap set for diplomat

Sydney — A time bomb exploded in an American diplomat's car just minutes before he was due to drive to work yesterday at the US embassy in Canberra (Christopher Morris writes). Military attaché Colonel Dean Stickle of the US Air Force was not injured when the car, parked in a garage beneath his house, blew up and caught fire.

Australian anti-terrorist police claim they have found evidence of "political motivation" for the attack. The fire bomb with a timing device is believed to have been planted under the parked car on the driver's side at the weekend.

## Bomber sentenced



## Driver dies in blast

Beirut (Reuters) — A suspected car bomber blew himself up yesterday after failing to park his explosives-laden car next to a militia security office. Police said the victim was a man in his twenties who parked the white Toyota saloon, loaded with about 45lb of explosives, at the perimeter wall of the Hotel Dieu hospital in the Ashrafieh district. The hospital was not damaged, and no other victims were reported.

A Lebanese Forces militia spokesman said the target was one of its security offices opposite the hospital. Militiamen had refused the driver permission to park outside.

## Kinnoock prepared to forgive and forget

From Philip Webster, Harare

The Zimbabwean Government and Army yesterday apologized to Mr Neil Kinnoock and his travelling companions who were held at gunpoint for an hour by troops at a remote airstrip.

The day after armed soldiers had threatened and abused the Labour leader at the airstrip, some of the men involved and the brigadier in charge of the district went to say sorry to him when he arrived at another nearby airport before flying to Harare for his final talks with President Mugabe.

Brigadier Paradzai Zimontse said: "We are all very sorry for what happened to Mr Kinnoock. It should never have taken place." Then Bishop

Joshua Djobe, the governor of Manicaland province in which the incident occurred, gave a fulsome public apology. He said: "I want to say to all our visitors, including the reporters, that what happened last night has made us feel very bad. We are ashamed about it."

Mr and Mrs Kinnoock and all those who have been with you — we love you. We are so happy with your presence."

Mr Kinnoock, who clearly regretted that the incident had diverted attention from his main purpose in the frontline states, could not have been happier to declare the incident closed. Hugging the bishop, he said: "It is already forgotten."

Not surprisingly, however,

there was no sign of the surly young lance-corporal who brandished his gun at the Labour leader and ordered him and his party into a 12ft square waiting room at the Mutema airstrip on Sunday night. As Mr Kinnoock remarked, he may not be a lance-corporal much longer.

The reverberations of the episode continued yesterday. As Mr Kinnoock was criticized in Britain by some Tory politicians for losing his temper, Mr Ramsay Melhuish, the British High Commissioner here, who had been waiting at another airstrip for Mr Kinnoock, told me that he had been on the point of instituting emergency procedures which would have involved

raising the alarm and sending out search parties.

The fear among British diplomats was clearly that the Kinnoock plane had either been shot down by bandits, who infest the area over which he flew, or had crashed.

Mr Kinnoock, who arrives back in Britain this morning after his 11-day tour, yesterday met British soldiers, members of the military advisory and training team.

Mr Kinnoock has had a hectic tour. The entrenched bureaucracy has meant that he has spent more time than he would have liked meeting officials and ministers rather than the people themselves. Journalists released: The South African correspondent

for *The Guardian* and two television crewmen pursuing Mr Neil Kinnoock across the frontline states were released yesterday after being detained for about 20 hours by Zimbabwean authorities (Jan Raath reports).

Mr David Beresford, and Mr Spokes Mashiane and Mr Carlo Guidotti, both of Worldwide Television News (WTN) and based in Johannesburg, were arrested with their pilot, Mr Stacey Wilford, at Harare international airport on Sunday night. Police appeared to have been anxious to interview Mr Wilford; a WTN representative said.

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## Inquiry blames Meese but rejects prosecution

Washington (Reuters) — Mr Edwin Meese, the former US Attorney General, probably broke laws while in office, but no trial was warranted, a special prosecutor said in a report released yesterday.

The report, by special prosecutor Mr James McKay, detailed various conflict-of-interest charges against Mr Meese. Mr McKay's investigation centred on charges that Mr Meese helped the New York defence contractor, Wedtech Corporation, get

government contracts and was involved in plans to build an oil pipeline in Iraq.

On Wedtech, the report said: "The independent counsel (special prosecutor) has determined that the currently available evidence does not show any criminal wrongdoing by Mr Meese."

It said of the oil pipeline project: "The independent counsel has determined that the available admissible evidence is insufficient to conclude that Mr Meese's activ-

ities... violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act."

Mr Meese was accused of aiding efforts by a friend, Mr E. Robert Wallach, to win US Government backing for the pipeline deal, even after being told in a secret 1985 memo from Wallach that the project involved illegal payments to Israel and to the Israeli Labour Party.

Mr McKay also investigated meetings Mr Meese held with regional Bell Telephone Company executives while

holding \$14,000 (£8,200) in telephone shares.

The report said "there is a real possibility that the market value of the stock would be affected" and that Mr Meese "knew of his financial interest". His conduct probably violated US laws but "a criminal prosecution... is not warranted."

Mr Wallach has been indicted on charges of illegally trying to influence Mr Meese and other US officials.

Mr McKay also examined

1985 stock sales by Mr Meese, the proceeds of which were not declared on his income tax returns until after copies of the returns had been turned over to the special prosecutor.

Mr McKay concluded that a court "would probably conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr Meese violated (federal tax law) by willfully filing a materially false tax return and... by willfully failing to pay his income tax when due." Nevertheless, prosecution was unwarranted.

## Cuban youngsters risk jail for almighty dollar

From David Gollob  
Havana

Facing Havana's Hotel Riviera, a 16-storey seafaring monstrosity built by the US crime boss, Meyer Lansky, before the 1959 revolution, there is a small park with concrete benches and a fountain illuminated by multicoloured lights.

Designed by the communist Government for public use, the park is strangely deserted on a Friday night, when lovers and restless teenagers stroll in the cool, Caribbean breezes of Havana's Malecon Embankment.

Cuba's post-revolutionary generation (59 per cent of the 10 million population is under 30) seems to have rejected in large part the values of its parents and the communist state, despite intense political indoctrination. The barren park, built with the best intentions and yet spurned by Cuba's alienated youth, symbolizes a growing malaise.

Young Cubans prefer to "hang

out" on the corner of 23rd Street and I Avenue, the crossroads of Havana's small entertainment district. Defying harsh penalties and constant police surveillance, illegal money traffickers, marijuana pushers, hustlers and pimps lurk in the shadows. In a country that boasts of eliminating hunger, unemployment and "capitalist" vices, something akin to Soho has sprouted.

"This is a country where no one has to prostitute themselves in order to eat where quality health care and education are free. I ask you, are there any more important human rights?" said Señor José Fernández, the Education Minister, in an interview with Western journalists.

Young Cubans seem to think so. "Most pretty young girls my age are whores," said Señora Mayra Gómez, aged 18, at a teenage hang-out on the Malecon. "I understand why. It's the lack of freedom to buy the things you want. An obsession with

acquiring Western clothes sold only for dollars at special tourist shops is one of the main causes of rising juvenile delinquency, which has swollen Cuba's prison population — one of the highest per capita in the world. Alarmed, the Government revised the criminal code, making some petty crimes punishable by fines instead of prison.

Nevertheless, a Cuban caught with dollars in his pocket still faces a two-year jail term. Elaborate ruses and schemes, including casual prostitution and theft, are used to get hold of black-market dollars, and then to entice foreigners to purchase the clothing on the youngster's behalf.

"At a shop for Cubans you can buy a pair of trousers (made in the Eastern bloc) that covers your body but leaves you dissatisfied," explained Señor Jesús Hernández, aged 23, a teacher. "That's why a lot of kids are in jail. To wear

American-made, acid-washed jeans is seen by the authorities as a symbol of "ideological diversion".

For young Cubans it is a status symbol; their most daring public expression of discontent with a system that, while offering many advantages, imposes tight social controls and a monotonous lifestyle. Frustration at the lack of jobs appropriate for an over-abundance of university graduates, and exasperation with a ubiquitous security apparatus, has contributed to the claustrophobia of the young and their escapist fantasies.

However, this malaise has not produced an articulate political reaction.

"I'd like another system — with the good things of this system," said Señor Ernesto Rodríguez, aged 20, an unemployed teacher, who was grateful for his education, but not the offer of a job as a building worker. "If only the young knew what we

## Moscow offers pre-talks look at forces

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union yesterday offered to provide the West with details of its force strength and weaponry in Eastern Europe and then allow inspection before negotiations on conventional arms cuts begin.

The proposal, made at a Moscow news conference by Mr Viktor Karpov, the Foreign Ministry arms control chief, was the latest in a series, from the East bloc over the past week, apparently aimed at breaking a log-jam in the Vienna talks on the issue.

A summit meeting in Poland of the Warsaw Pact military alliance last weekend, offered to exchange military information before the start of negotiations and then allow the data provided to be checked by both sides after they began.

At the news conference, called to discuss the two-day summit in Warsaw, Mr Karpov said a proposal by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, in a speech to the Polish Parliament on July 11, to remove Soviet aircraft from Eastern Europe, in exchange for withdrawal from the West of 72 American F16 ground attack fighters, had been put formally to Washington and Rome.

The F16s, currently based in Spain, are to be transferred to Italy by 1991. Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign Minister, said on Saturday that the Soviet proposal would still leave imbalances.

Mr Gorbachev also suggested the calling of an all-European summit conference to launch the negotiations on reductions in conventional forces, to cover the entire continent.

And he proposed the setting up of an East-West centre aimed at reducing the risk of war and at increasing mutual confidence.

Athens — The response from the Warsaw Pact summit to the Moscow Communist Party conference has so far been EEC foreign ministers that they have reaffirmed their resolve to "strive for a dynamic development of East-West relations". At their weekly political co-operation meeting in Athens yesterday, they accepted a proposal by Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian External Relations Minister, that their next informal get-together, in October, should be devoted to East-West relations (Mario Modiano writes).

"We feel that something is moving on the other side of the great divide, and it is moving in the right direction," said a Belgian diplomat. However, remaining issues, especially in the field of human rights, should be eliminated speedily.

military confidence-building between the two blocs.

Mr Ivan Aboimov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, said the proposals had the support of the Warsaw Pact. Leaders of the seven-member alliance themselves offered to hold separate talks on so-called dual-capable delivery systems.

Dual-capable missiles, which Mr Karpov said yesterday accounted for 60 to 70 per cent of the short-range weaponry held by the Pact and Nato in Europe, can deliver either nuclear or conventional warheads.

"So if we are to discuss conventional reductions in Europe seriously, we cannot ignore these arms and they must be made a subject of the negotiations," the Soviet arms control chief declared.

The Pact proposal for separate talks on tactical nuclear weapons and nuclear warheads for both types of missiles was apparently aimed at removing one obstacle to final agreement in Vienna on the mandate for the full-scale negotiations.

Most members of Nato are opposed to including any nuclear weaponry in the agenda, and are also reluctant to agree immediately to separate talks on short-range nuclear missiles.

went through, they would understand why we have to fight for the revolution," said Señora María Flores, aged 52, a factory forewoman and Communist Party member interviewed at her tidy two-room home.

Señora Flores, an impoverished domestic servant before the revolution, said she envied her children's freedoms and comforts, and maintained that "the dissident ones" are "a small minority".

Her son Orión, aged 36, an unemployed barman, disagreed, but would speak his mind only when out of earshot not just of the authorities, but of his own mother.

"She says we're just a small group, but we are the great majority," he said. "We don't have freedom to express ourselves, to do the things we want."

The names of some people interviewed for this article have been changed, at their request, to protect them from reprisals.



# Leaders' gamble leaves revolution in turmoil

By Nicholas Beeston and Huzir Teimourian

The Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, and the heir to his revolution, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, yesterday took the greatest gamble of their political careers when they announced that Iran was ready to halt its eight-year conflict with Iraq.

The move is expected to throw Iran's leadership into turmoil, pitting the pragmatists against the hardliners, who see the declaration as an act of capitulation to the Arab states and the West and fear that the Islamic revolution, which has been fired by the conflict, is now under threat.

Although it was predicted earlier this month that Iran was scaling down the war, the announcement came as a surprise to many within the Iranian regime, suggesting that the decision must have been taken in secret by Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and a carefully chosen group of aides.

In the aftermath of the Iran Air Airbus incident, the entire Iranian leadership, including Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, President Khatami and the Prime Minister, Mir Hossein Mousavi, were urging Iranians to continue the struggle against Iraq.

What has now become clear is that, while the tired slogans were being pumped out at the Friday prayers in Tehran, furtive talks were under way to choose the right moment for acceptance of Resolution 598.

In the past year, as Tehran witnessed the rapid erosion of its military strength, it has modified its demands for ending the conflict from the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein to an international condemnation of Iraq for starting the war.

The unconditional acceptance of Resolution 598 is expected to bring Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, who was appointed Chief of Staff of the armed forces in June, into direct conflict with hardliners such as the Interior Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, who described a negotiated settlement as "defeatist" and accused the moderate

Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, of playing into the hands of President Saddam.

Similar attacks have been made against Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani by Ayatollah Khomeini's designated heir, Ayatollah Montazeri.

But diplomats in Tehran described Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani as the most powerful and skilful politician in Iran, and a figure who would not wantonly gamble his hard-earned position unless he had taken all the possible repercussions into consideration.

It is believed that he viewed the continuation of the war and its effect on the economy as a greater threat to the regime's long-term chances of survival.

Although he can probably recover from the setback, the reputation of his mentor, Ayatollah Khomeini, now believed to be nearing the end of his life, will never recover.

Having challenged the superpower status quo and promised that a fundamentalist Muslim ideal would sweep across Islamic countries, the final chapter of any biography will record that the main effort of his leadership, the war with Iraq, ended in failure.

It was Ayatollah Khomeini who



Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani: Secret talks will bring conflict with fundamentalists.

## INTERNATIONAL REACTION

## Decision seen as important first step

By Andrew McEwen and Nicholas Beeston

Iran's decision to accept Resolution 598 was seen yesterday as a huge step towards ending the eight-year war.

Mr David Mello, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, described it as "potentially a major breakthrough".

He added: "What we now need to see is how the (UN) Secretary-General is going to go back to the plan he drew up last September, which is to set a series of stages points towards early implementation of the terms of 598."

Mr Hans Heine Koppitz, of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, who last week predicted a deal to end

the war, said: "I think we are seeing the first concrete step towards the end of the conflict."

He believed there had been direct and indirect contact between Tehran and Baghdad on a deal and that a number of other countries may have helped. One possibility was an understanding that Iran's acceptance would lead to a cessation or reduction of Iraq's attacks on shipping carrying Iranian oil and a partial or total withdrawal of US forces in the Gulf.

In Bonn, Herr Friedhelm Ost, the chief West German government spokesman, said

Iran's acceptance was an "important step towards a ceasefire".

Iraq said it was studying notes on Iran's acceptance. Mr Latif Nassif al-Jassem, the Information Minister, said Iraq was keen to achieve peace according to principles put forward by President Saddam Hussein on Sunday. The President had said there should be a complete, unconditional withdrawal by both parties to internationally recognized borders, the signing of a peace and non-aggression accord, commitments to non-interference in each other's internal affairs and an

immediate exchange of prisoners.

Oil markets remained unstable yesterday with traders predicting that prices will fall. A settlement would make large cargoes, shipped from the Gulf, cheaper; Iran could re-equip its highly productive oilfields; and Iraq could divert funds to reopen its export pipelines through Syria.

Some sources suggested that some Middle Eastern crude oils could fall almost to \$10 by the end of this month. But the first movement sent the price of the key North Sea Brent crude upwards to just under \$15 a barrel.

## THE LEGAL WAR

## Tehran pays price for isolation

By Anatol Lieven

Iran's condition that the United Nations should condemn Iraq for starting the Gulf War before Iran could accept a ceasefire was the main official barrier to Tehran's acceptance of Resolution 598.

The resolution condemns neither side but, in clause 6, requests the UN Secretary-General "to explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict, and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible". Iran has previously regarded this as an excuse for inaction or a whitewash.

The question of placing the blame on Iraq for starting the war by attacking across the Shatt al-Arab waterway in 1980 has been crucial to Iranian pride and sense of justice.

Iran is expected to demand a return to the status of the Shatt al-Arab agreed between President Saddam Hussein and the Shah at Algiers in 1975. This determined that the frontier would run down the middle of the waterway, rather than along the Iranian shore as Iraq previously demanded.

The waterway is Iraq's only outlet to the sea, and the revocation of the 1975 agreement was the main demand made by Baghdad during its victories in the initial months.

Most independent observers think that Iraq began the war with its offensive on

September 22 and 23, 1980, clearly breaching those parts of the UN Charter dealing with "aggressive war".

The Iranians blame world opinion for having preferred to ignore both this fact and what they see as subsequent well-attested Iraqi offences against the international laws of war, such as the use of chemical weapons. But Iran's

own breaches of international convention, most notably the seizure of the American hostages in Tehran, has been largely responsible for the general lack of international sympathy for the country.

The condemnation of Iraq would have some effect on negotiations over the Shatt al-Arab. The precedent established with regard to Germany

by the League of Nations after the First World War and by the United Nations after the Second World War could also, in theory, lay Iraq open, under the UN Charter, to Iranian demands for reparations for the human and material damage incurred in the conflict.

It is estimated that the war has cost more than a million casualties, including 262,000 Iranians and 105,000 Iraqis killed in battle, according to Pentagon estimates.

Material damage has been vast, especially to the two countries' oil industries. The cost to Iran of the war is thought to have been more than \$200 billion. More than 400 tankers have been attacked in the Gulf.

In theory, neutral parties who have suffered, such as international shipowners and the families of killed or injured seamen, might also be able to claim compensation. Iran will probably also demand international trials of President Saddam and his ministers, on the model of Nuremberg.

International analysts think that there is little chance of this coming about. Historically, reparations have only been paid by defeated countries, and it is Iran which now appears exhausted.

But given the desire by both the West and the Warsaw Pact for peace in the region, there is a good chance of considerable international aid.

## Letter from Khomeini

The text of a letter to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, from President Khomeini of Iran explaining Tehran's acceptance of Security Council Resolution 598, which demands a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

Excellency, Please accept my warm greetings with best wishes for your Excellency's success in efforts to establish peace and justice.

As you are well aware, the fire of the war which was started by the Iraqi regime on 22 September, 1980 through an aggression against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran has now gained unprecedented dimensions, bringing other countries into the war and even engulfing innocent civilians.

The killing of 290 innocent human beings, caused by the shooting down of an Airbus aircraft of the Islamic Repub-

lic of Iran by one of the American warships in the Persian Gulf, is a clear manifestation of this contention.

Under these circumstances, Your Excellency's efforts for the implementation of Resolution 598 is of particular importance. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always provided you with its assistance and support to achieve this objective.

In this context, we have decided to officially declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran - because of the importance it attaches to saving the lives of human beings and the establishment of justice and regional and international peace and security - accepts Security Council Resolution 598. We hope that the official declaration of this position by the Islamic Republic of Iran would assist you in continuing your efforts, which have always received our support and appreciation.

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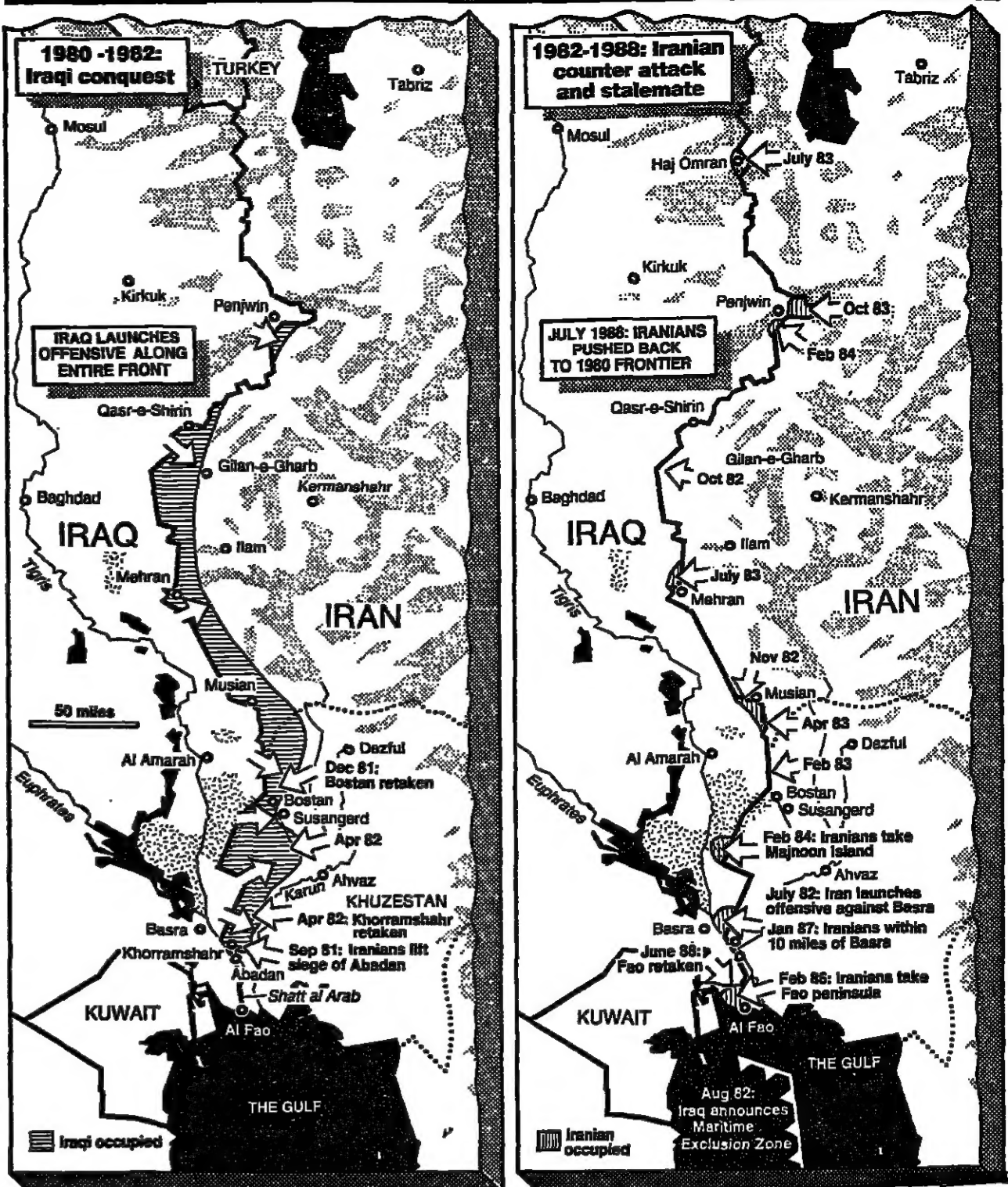
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## Resolution 598's requirements from both sides for a negotiated settlement

The following is the text of Resolution 598 on a Gulf War ceasefire which the UN Security Council adopted on July 20 last year and which Iran accepted yesterday. Iraq had agreed to the resolution from the outset.

The Security Council, reaffirming its Resolution 582 (1986),

deeply concerned that, despite its calls for a ceasefire, the conflict between Iran and Iraq continues unabated, with further heavy loss of human life and material destruction,

deploring the initiation and continuation of the conflict, and deploring also the bombing of

purely civilian population centres, attacks on neutral shipping or civilian aircraft, the violation of international humanitarian law and other laws of armed conflict, and, in particular, the use of chemical weapons contrary to obligations under the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

deeply concerned that further escalation and widening of the conflict may take place,

determined to bring to an end all military actions between Iran and Iraq,

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hostilities in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 12 August, 1949;

4 Calls upon Iran and Iraq to cooperate with the Secretary-General in implementing this resolution and in mediation efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement, acceptable to both sides, of all outstanding issues, in accordance with the principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations;

5 Calls upon all other states to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain from any act which may lead to further escalation and

widening of the conflict, and thus to facilitate the implementation of the present resolution;

6 Requests the Secretary-General to explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible;

7 Recognizes the magnitude of the damage inflicted during the conflict and the need for reconstruction efforts with appropriate international assistance, once the conflict is ended and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-

General to assign a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction and to report to the Security Council;

8 Further requests the Secretary-General to examine in consultation with Iran and Iraq and with other states of the region, measures to enhance the security and stability of the region;

9 Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed on the implementation of this resolution;

10 Decides to meet again as necessary to consider further steps to ensure compliance with this resolution.



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## SPECTRUM

## Flying at the tarnished shield

How could the Vincennes, bristling with awesome technology, get it wrong? Charles Bremner hitched a ride in the Learjet below as it launched a wargame "attack" on her sister ship



CARL GLASSMAN

Some words of reassurance came from the carrier navy flyer as our civilian jet skimmed the Atlantic waves on a deliberate low-level "attack" against the USS Vincennes, formidable sister-ship of the now notorious cruiser Vincennes. "We don't worry that they'll lock on to the wrong target," he said.

"Come as low as you like," the controller's voice called over the radio from the command centre of the Aegis battle system deep inside the warship, where we were just a "hostile aircraft" on a computerized screen. The Iranian Airbus must have looked just the same to the men on the Vincennes when it hove on to identical screens on July 3 and Captain Rogers decided to fire his Standard missiles.

The silhouette of the "Tico" suddenly loomed from the haze and filled the windshield. Captain Otis Dinning pulled up and the radar-laden superstructure of the warship flashed by. Our Learjet entered a steep bank and we started another low run at the ship, already miles away and invisible again.

Far from the heat of the Gulf, it was good fun to play sitting duck to the most awesome weapons system afloat. For Dinning and his co-pilot it was an ordinary day's work, flying for what must be the world's most unusual air force.

His blue and beige Learjet, the sleek Ferrari of corporate planes, is one of a fleet of about 50 operated by Flight International, a civilian company which is doing booming business serving as the Pentagon's sparring partner.

Fifty miles at sea off the southern Virginia coast, our first mission was to simulate a missile

attack on the Ticonderoga and two ships from the Second Fleet steaming full speed abreast. Long before we could see any ship, the Aegis locked on to our radar-reflecting "missile", towed on a cable a safe three miles behind us. With weapons trained, the Tico held its fire until our jet flew over at about 2,000 feet — higher than the later low-level "tracking run" without the missile-shaped decoy dragging behind.

"Mark on top," Dinning called. Then the Learjet shuddered as the computer-directed shells blasted the target. "Target shot off," the radio voice said. "We saw part of the target hit the water."

"They always say that, then we bring back a whole target every time," joked Dave Sharp, a former US navy captain who runs Flight International's naval operations, and who was flying in the Lear along with the target operator and two of us from *The Times*.

Sharp is one of the ex-military flyers who run the company and pilot the planes on missions aimed at testing America's air and sea defences. A close-knit team with all the camaraderie of a fighter squadron, Flight International offers its services to anyone who wants to see how his men and equipment stack up against the best available opponent.

The pride of the company is the electronic countermeasure system that it has devised to fly missions against opposing forces. The elegant Learjet, stuffed with state-of-the-art computers and jamming transmitters and with anti-radar "chaff dispensers" slung in pods under the wings, try to flummox the Pentagon's most sophisticated radar, navigation and communication hardware.



"You want to try to make the operator go back to the manual mode," Sharp says. "Then you want to defeat the radar and make the guy think you're something else, somewhere else."

Raw radar, which "paints" the reflected image as a blip on a screen, is what the Vincennes was not using. Its Aegis computers interpret the radar return and display it as a graphic, like a video game. It can track dozens of attacking planes and missiles simultaneously — something ordinary radar cannot do — but its video symbols do not allow the operator to make his own interpretations about the identity of the plane. According to navy lore, the men on the Ticonderoga — the first of the billion-dollar Aegis-type cruisers — coined the motto: "If it flies, it dies."

Among other duties, Flight

International helped the Pentagon develop Aegis, and next month the Learjets are off to California to help with improvements to the Aegis fire-control system. Jerry Rogers, a company vice-president who served until a few months ago as a general in the US Air Force's tactical command, says the contract was ordered long before the Airbus incident.

Discussing what went wrong in the Gulf, the Flight International managers, nearly all of them former military experts in the field, agree the system has its limits when it comes to the cramped "low-intensity warfare" in crowded waters that the US Navy faces there. In that situation, Rogers says, it might be necessary to "step back 25 years" and paint targets as

old-fashioned radar blips so humans can identify them.

Sitting in his office at Flight International's plush new headquarters in Virginia, Rogers is reluctant to talk about the other end of the electronic spectrum — Stealth. This is the technology now being developed in the utmost secrecy to build fighters and bombers which will be near-invisible to radar.

"Stealth is so important that it's at a level of sanctity about the same as heavy water was in 1942," he says. Heavy water was a key ingredient in making the first atomic weapons.

Meanwhile, learning from its low-tech troubles, the navy has called in Flight International to fly the type of slow-flying suicide attack that could be directed at a ship by terrorists or states using such tactics. The navy knew it had

Playing for real: the USS Ticonderoga (above) prepares to test her Aegis battle system, while 2,000 feet overhead the Learjet's mission specialist (left) peers out to check on the tow-line to the decoy missile, a safe three miles behind

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a problem when, operating off Lebanon in 1983, the Ticonderoga's awesome system and its operators deep below decks failed to spot a small incoming plane that was visible to the naked eye.

The men at Flight International say they will play the hand for anyone, and they are looking for clients. Satisfied customers, as they put it, include the Italian and Dutch air forces.

Down in the gleaming maintenance hangar, Rogers shows off his latest Learjet, which is being stripped of the luxurious trimmings of its business-jet life and fitted out for the Farnborough show this summer.

With electronic warfare growing ever more important, the company has never looked back since its founder and owner, Douglas Matthews, a former navy pilot, persuaded the Pentagon that it could get much better value for money by renting a ready-made "Russian air force" to test its defences. The company has just signed a \$100 million contract with the USAF and moved into the new headquarters at Newport News, hard by the world's biggest naval base at Norfolk, Virginia.

Flight International does not go in for the close-in dog-fighting of the USAF's top-secret "Aggressor Squadron", where the pilots are taught Soviet doctrine and fly imitation MIGs. But Matthews, now aged 42, has just bought the company's first real fighter, an F-5 slightly used by the Norwegian air force. It is the only modern war machine in private hands, and Mike Lanning, Flight International's air force director, is trying to convince his old military employers that a bit of superperson combat practice would be useful.

Lanning exudes the same enthusiasm for the delights of jamming and electronic warfare as the rest of his comrades. Too bad, Lanning says, that Flight International cannot get much practice at jamming the ground radar that directs the air defences, the trouble is that they are sited in the same places as those for civil air traffic. Flight International also has ideas for playing havoc with the Aegis flying radar stations.

But the Learjets do often stage surprise sorties into US border airspace, imitating Soviet tactics, to keep the air force on its toes. The air force pilots get a surprise when they intercept what they expect to be a Russian "Bear" and find a little corporate jet.

The pilots of Flight International, about a third of them veterans of the Vietnam War, have obviously found the best way of mixing the realities of civvy street with something of the excitement of their service days. The alternatives are usually the controls of airliners or business jets.

"The flying is unique," one of them says. "There are no passengers and no crying babies. Each mission can be different."

Navy men, with their training in carriers — the most demanding flying skill — like to consider themselves the elite. But Mike Lanning, an ex-air force "jockey", rejects the idea that he could be inferior "to anyone dumb enough to land on an aircraft carrier, particularly at night".

## Colours a shade mixed

Colours are very old and very mysterious words. How can we tell that the various words for blue have quite the same meaning in languages and lands where the clear sky and the deep sea are quite different shades of blue? We can't. Our blue, and its other Indo-European cognates, are probably related to the Latin *flavus*, which means yellow. How has yellow become blue?

Take the favourite colour of the Romans, purple. The word comes from the shellfish they called *murex*, perhaps chiefly *Murex brandaris*, from which they squeezed the purple dye that they used as a status symbol on their togas as a sign of wealth and power. The colour they meant seems to have ranged from blood-red to deep violet, depending on the technique used. So we are not surprised to find *purpureus* used to describe kings, and clothes, and Caesar, freshly-spilt blood, wine, plums and, pushing it a bit, pears. These are all purplish things, and Italian pears are better or at any rate

## NEW WORDS FOR OLD

different from native breeds.

But the old eyebrow does flicker when we find the Romans describing as purple the sun, moon, and stars, the raging sea, beautiful young persons, and even an oak tree in full leaf. I know they order these things differently in Italy. But purple oaks are going too far. You can say that the Romans were thinking of the sheen and ruddy glow rather than the actual colour. You could say that Italians are colour-blind. You could try saying that they so loved the vulgar colour that it became a pro-word meaning lovely rather than a descriptive colour word. But you must agree that the Roman *purpureus* is not quite the

same in its connotations as our purple.

Red is a very old and widespread Indo-European colour word, spread around the world from Sanskrit to Old Slavonic. It is used to describe such colours as blood, sunset clouds, rubies, and glowing coal. In Old English the vowel was long, red, but it has been shortened, as it has also in bread, dead, and the metal lead. The original long vowel is retained in surnames such as Read(e), Rede and Reid, denoting ancestral ginger-nuts in the family somewhere. It is a noisy, aggressive, bad-tempered colour, mercifully masked from those of us who are colour blind so that we cannot see the berries on a

rowan unless we stick our noses right up the tree. I am not a superstitious man, but when the place under the stairs where I type was painted scarlet, I got blinding headaches and could write no more.

The chief symbolic meaning of red today is revolution and anarchy. This goes back long before the Russian Revolution. Blake: "Red rage redounds." Tennyson, *Guinevere*: "Red ruin, and the breaking up of laws." This metaphor goes back at least to the French Revolution, where those extremists who were always first in the queue to dye their hands in blood were known as Red Republicans.

In popular folklore, red is the colour of magic. Yeats: "The caps of fairies and musicians are well-nigh always red." A more recent colour symbolism says: "Red, like blood and dawn, is associated with outer worldly activity and existence." It is a chameleon of colours. Give me green every time.

Philip Howard

## SCIENCE REPORT

## Ras tale unfolds

A gene of quite remarkable construction is perplexing molecular biologists, who are seeking to understand how genes exert their influence within the cells that carry them. The surprise is that the replacement of one chemical unit by another, in a supposedly functionless part of a gene, makes it that much more potent in a laboratory test of cancer.

The gene is known as the *ras* gene, and was itself a focus of excitement six years ago when it was discovered that one of the simplest possible changes in the gene was sufficient to make it convert certain kinds of laboratory-maintained cells into an apparently malignant form.

For a time that discovery seemed to point to an understanding of the causation of cancer in real life, which may yet prove to be the case. But the immediate result has been to suggest similarities between naturally occurring substances that regulate the growth of cells and the protein molecule called *p21*, whose production is controlled by the *ras* gene.

The mutation of the *ras* gene, recognized six years ago, was strikingly simple, consisting merely of a single change of the twelfth amino acid in the string of amino acids that make up the *p21* protein molecule. Simply, the amino acid called glycine is replaced by that called valine. Why such a small change should contribute to the development of cancer is still not understood.

The new development, reported in this week's *Nature* by Justus B. Cohen and Arthur D. Levinson from the American biotechnology company Genentech, is the discovery of a still more obscure mutation of the *ras* gene which, remarkably, enhances the potential of the gene to make laboratory test-cells malignant.

The *ras* gene is itself a complicated structure, consisting of five apparently meaningful stretches of DNA separated by four stretches to which no function has yet been ascribed.

That a gene should consist of alternating pieces of meaningful DNA (called "exons") and meaningless ones (called "introns") is rather the rule than the exception.

In normal operation the whole length of the gene is first transcribed into an equivalent molecule of RNA, carrying identical genetic information. Then, in a process called splicing, the meaningless pieces of the RNA are removed before the

remaining molecule directs the synthesis of a protein molecule.

What now emerges is that a *ras* gene isolated from a human bladder cancer differs from the gene in healthy tissue not merely in the mutation affecting the twelfth amino acid of *p21*, but also by another substitution of a second of the chemical units of the DNA.

A second mutation is not in itself surprising, but it is startling that it occurs within one of the supposedly functionless introns, specifically that between the fourth and fifth exons. The second mutation occurs exactly 2,719 units along the length of the gene. So far as Cohen and Levinson know there are no differences between the gene from the bladder-cancer patient and the healthy versions of *ras* we all carry, except these two mutations.

The authors of the research guess that the second mutation of the gene, at a site generally thought irrelevant to its function, may nevertheless affect the efficiency with which its product *p21* is produced, but they seem as perplexed as most other molecular biologists to know why that should be. Whatever the explanation, the discovery is also further proof that introns are not just pieces of DNA meant to hold exons together.

John Maddox

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# TIMES DIARY

BARBARA AMIEL

When I first heard of Neil Kinnock's unhappy experience at Muscat airport I had a nostalgic frisson. It was not clear in the first news bulletins whether he and his party were travelling to or from Mozambique, but regardless, my sympathies went to all of them. At times like that, imprisoned in a blockhouse, one thinks longingly of a good hot bath and decent telephone service.

After my eleven days in a Mozambique prison in 1981, when the border guards didn't seem to recognize who I was either, I remember how eagerly I looked forward to washing my hair in a nice hotel room in Johannesburg. Perhaps Mr Kinnock was missing on similar conveniences in Harare.

It is particularly disturbing, I remember, to have Kalashnikovs waved at one. The AK-47 rifle which Mr Kinnock faced holds thirty rounds of 7.62mm cartridges: short lead bullets with a penetrating core of steel. It can, I am told, when set on automatic fire, spit out one hundred bullets in a minute, each leaving the short muzzle with a velocity of about 1,600 miles per hour. The gun is manufactured in various models in the Soviet Union as well as a number of other Warsaw Pact countries and used at short range it will split a man in half.

Yesterday morning the television news said that Mr Kinnock did not want his ordeal, which he described as "this unfortunate incident", to distract from the main issue of South Africa's aggression. It is, I suppose, this ability of the moral relativists to forgive evils here but not there, I suppose the awful behaviour shown towards Mr Kinnock must not be blamed on the nature of Zimbabwe. It must be blamed on something else. The despotism of Zimbabwe or Mozambique, after all, may be as monstrous as apartheid, but these regimes are monsters made of the flesh and blood of Mr Kinnock's own philosophy.

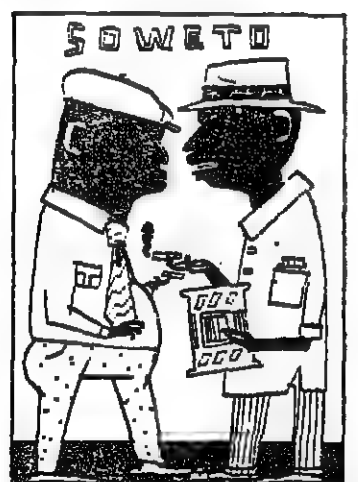
Speaking of philosophies, I wondered what strange impulse was behind the appointment of Timothy Mitchell as organizing secretary for youth at Conservative Central Office. I couldn't get hold of Peter Morrison, the party's deputy chairman, to explain.

As I understood matters when last I glanced at the doings of the Young Conservatives, factionalism was rife after an election. It was won by the left-centre candidate, Martin Woodroffe, and affidavits alleging some sort of interference with ballots and possession of duplicate identification and ballot papers immediately went winging their way to Central Office. These concerns seem to have been met with sublime indifference at Central Office — a situation which does not, frankly, speak well of the state of the Conservative party's own moral imperative.

One might have thought that at the very least, attention having been drawn to this unfortunate state, Central Office would be vigilant in avoiding partisan appointments on either side of the great Tory divide. Instead, it has appointed Mitchell who, however innocent, was Woodroffe's campaign manager. This has sent seven of the twelve YC area chairmen leaping for their overcoats, or rather, for a policy of non-cooperation.

It seems so unnecessary and curiously destructive on the part of Central Office. I suppose it is all part of a sort of lazy self-satisfaction that one often finds in the administrative centres of power.

BARRY FANTONI



"You know, there's always someone worse off than yourself. Now take Neil Kinnock..."

It was rather intriguing to meet Soviet novelist Alexei Bitov last week on the first day of his first trip to Britain. He sat four places down the table from Nathan (formerly Anatoly) Scharansky and clapped politely when Scharansky replied to a toast, but they did not speak. Scharansky said he understood Bitov's position, which is Moscow at the moment, and described him as a superb novelist of great intellectual strength who was on the edge of the dissidents. Bitov himself, a man of immense charm and natural modesty, was amused to see I was left-handed; this he associated with freedom since the Soviets still, apparently, forbid left-handed writing in school.

Carefully, Bitov explained to me how he could arithmetically predict the steps towards freedom in the Soviet Union and proceeded to give me an ingenious list of the twelve categories of writers that would eventually be published there in exact sequence. It began, as I recall, with Russian writers who are dead and have never been published in the West and ended with émigré Russians living in the West, alive and never published in the Soviet Union. It made perfect sense.

All the same, he explained, order still yields to arbitrary factors. "For example," he told me, "one day, suddenly, on Moscow television we had someone doing those hand signals for the deaf. Well, we don't have the luxury of worrying in the Soviet Union about the deaf or the handicapped, or even of men or women. For us there are only the working classes. But then we understood that someone in the Politburo must have a deaf relative. So, if there are a lot of left-handers there, one day they will make freedom to write with the left hand a new priority and it will just happen."

I asked him if he would talk to Scharansky after dinner. He said perhaps. Scharansky stayed on. But like Harry Lime, a cigarette cupped in his hand, Bitov was gone.

**Atlanta**  
We are told there is a mood in America of cautious concern about the economy. Voters may decide they want as president a competent technocrat who shows the Democrats' natural sympathy for the unfortunate. The opening of the Democratic convention has been overshadowed by the frequent but inconsistent remarks of the Rev Jesse Jackson. The Dukakis camp has been polite and responsive to his threats, complaints and demands. I predict that he will be bought off and the Democrats will have a splendid crowning for Dukakis.

The next problem will be to ensure that Jackson's black supporters vote for Dukakis. It will be obvious to the black voters in the South that Dukakis has decided to try to win back the old solid vote of white southern Democrats — men who in many instances voted for President Reagan. Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, who is to be Dukakis's running mate, is a symbol of reassurance to all Southern whites.

But what about the black Southern voters? They are hardly likely to vote for George Bush. But in the United States only about 60 per cent of the

Nicholas Budgen foresees a rift with a victorious Dukakis

## Sanctions: collision ahead

electorate votes in a presidential election. The real risk is that black voters will feel that they have not been sufficiently courted by Dukakis and that come polling day in November, they will abstain.

Dukakis will wish to emphasize a policy which pleases the blacks. That issue will be South Africa. On Sunday the delegates to the convention were treated to a brunch at which former Vice-president Walter Mondale introduced the Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young, with a speech both elegant and satisfactory.

Young, who was President Carter's ambassador to the United Nations, has been Mayor of Atlanta since 1982. This once dangerous radical is now a leader of a great section of the community which may be crucial in the next election.

The delegates to the convention all understood the importance of civil rights. Black

advancement since the reforms of the 1960s has changed the Democratic party. Its links with the white population of the South are looser, while those with the Southern blacks are stronger. A price has to be paid for the continued support of the blacks.

Civil and human rights are said to be part of the same idea. Andrew Young now emerges as a successful mayor who has presided over a period of fast economic growth in Atlanta, which has a substantial black population. He talks about a global agenda for human rights.

Then he asserts, with no apparent disapproval from his audience, that the US will establish a human rights agenda for the world.

It is said that the growth of Atlanta has been made possible by the civil rights movement. Thus when the US has established its agenda for worldwide

human rights, Young promises the same growth in Johannesburg as in Atlanta. He did not tell us whether he wanted the United States to conquer and occupy Johannesburg to enforce human rights. Perhaps it will be enough if he becomes mayor.

I cannot say how serious the Democrats are about human rights. Only time will tell whether a Democratic president will be prepared to pay any domestic price for the electoral advantage of attempting world government by the godly.

It seems to me that if Dukakis becomes president an open dispute between Britain and the United States over South Africa will be almost inevitable. The promises of the campaign will not be forgotten by America's increasingly rich and sophisticated black community. Sanctions against South Africa are already proposed by the Democratic majorities in the Congress.

Dukakis's style is moralistic and legalistic. It seems almost certain that this will be translated into disadvantages for American firms that trade with South Africa. Then there will be an attempt to get the United Nations to encourage — though it cannot impose — sanctions.

British policy on South Africa shows the old firm of Thatcher and Howe at its best. Mrs Thatcher is determined that she will not give an inch on sanctions to the Commonwealth, the United Nations or the United States. She recognizes that Britain has important interests to maintain in South Africa.

Moreover, if sanctions were successful, they would harm not only the blacks in South Africa but neighbouring states with which Britain has very close relations. She rarely talks about human rights.

The Prime Minister's determination is balanced by the For-

eign Secretary's oratory. He talks about talks, promises concrete steps and avoids the drama of a telephone call. Sir Geoffrey beats his breast about the misfortunes of people convicted after the due process of law in South Africa. Since a British minister has no power or responsibility for the judicial process in South Africa it does no good but also does little harm. It deflects attention from the reality of British policy on South Africa and makes liberals the world over feel better. Britain's heart is shown to be in the right place.

I suppose a Tory ought not to smile in public about the inconsistency of our policy. Dukakis in the White House will make Britain understand that choices have to be made between British interests and international ideas of morality and even the legal basis of the United Nations. Perhaps these choices will lead to an open and properly argued dispute between Britain and the US. Many Tories will welcome an opportunity to point out the legitimate differences of interest between the two nations. We shall also cherish the greater independence and dignity that such recognition will bring.

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Robert Fisk

## Death the only victor



was the slowest, most painful storm in the history of the Arab world.

The arms dealers of the West and of the East both won, of course, with the last generation governments which wrung their hands at the human cost of the war while turning a blind eye to clearly fraudulent end-user certificates that sent their most sophisticated hardware to the young men of both sides.

The Americans may claim they won — up to a point — since Iran failed to crush its brutal opponent. But at what cost? For by the time Iran was accepting the UN ceasefire proposal, the US navy had so openly favoured the Iraqis in the war that the American armed forces had effectively taken the side of one of the bloodiest regimes in the Arab world. And Washington should not forget that Iran still has one powerful card in its hand — western hostages in Lebanon.

Yet in the stillness that follows this war, as the dead are unearthed by the plough over the coming months and years, there will be time to speculate on the shifting balances of power. For who now are the most battle-trained, battle-hardened soldiers in the Middle East? Once, we would have said the Israelis; but their most recent war, in Lebanon, ended in disaster and they can scarcely contain a revolt in their midst on the West Bank and in Gaza. Not the Egyptians, whose strength weakened by the Camp David agreement. Hardly the Syrians, sucked into Lebanon, plotting their wars with proxy militias.

If we look at the terrain outside the Gulf War front lines, there is a darker, more frightening picture. Kuwait historically always felt itself more threatened by Iraq than by Iran. Where now will Saddam Hussein's ambitions lie? And with Kabul's communist government collapsing, where else might the Iraqis throw their energies in the aftermath of war but Afghanistan? The West, if it is wise, will pour funds into Iran as well as Iraq to prevent the economic collapse that propelled Europe into a second world war. But the question will still remain. Two great armies now stand above all others in the region. Who will they fight next?

he smell had brought the mullahs to their prayers. "God is great," they cried at us clutching pieces of cloth to their ecstatic faces to avoid the smell. Was this the moment when the Iraqis should have halted, should have accepted that Saddam Hussein's great Iraqi army had at last been humiliated after two years of war?

We are at Fao, in another helicopter after another victory, flying now past the Iranian gun line through the river mist into the very same town in which that Basist militia man had vowed war to the end only five years before. Was he dead now or still vouchsafing his belief in victory? The helicopter lands us amid a deep, thick, some-like mud that clings threateningly to our legs as we stagger for cover.

There are bits and pieces of the Iraqi army still there; a broken military truck, a smashed jet with its incinerated pilot, a dead soldier, bent over as if at prayer,

a small picture of a young woman beside him. The Iraqis point across the steam bath of the Gulf to Bubiyan Island. "That is Kuwaiti territory — now we can see Kuwait," they shout. The very Arab Gulf states of the littoral now feel themselves threatened.

And when at last military reality — in the shape of massive Western and Eastern support for the Iraqis, their debts paid off by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — turned the tables, all these victories of blood, the little Golgothas which we had witnessed for those few seconds, came to naught.

Iran and Iraq lay back where their great armies had started their travail, along the trenches of the international frontier, every bit as static as the forces of the Great War had proved themselves to be in Europe 70 years earlier. The scenes of Iranian victories — Fao, the Fish Lakes, Shalameh — passed back so swiftly into Iraqi hands that one scarcely remembered

the Iranian successes there. Was there within those two enormous armies a Wilfred Owen, a Siegfried Sassoon? None that we ever found, save for the evidence of a few scribbled letters on dead men and the poetry of grief on the huge graveyards outside Tehran.

"Do not weep for me, father," one block of granite insisted in a cemetery below the Alborz mountains. But we were there just after the revolutionary guard was buried and his father did weep, most bitterly, while his mother handed round oranges to the visitors who had come to pay honour at the dead son's grave.

One suspects that the witnessing of wars tells one little about their ultimate political outcome. At the Fish Lakes, I remember seeing a young boy standing on the mud road under a shell fire, disdaining his helmet, clutching a Koran to his heart, a sight so immensely impressive yet so devastatingly sad that one carried the image away with one, far

behind the lines. I recall an even younger boy — ten, he said he was — in a captured Iraqi dug-out west of Dezful who insisted in front of his older brother that he would go straight to heaven if he died fighting for the Islamic Republic.

Not far away, we had seen a pile of bodies being hurriedly buried, out of sight, the last mortal remains of equally young men whose souls had presumably already sped off to heaven with that very same alacrity.

If the Gulf War ceasefire now holds, there will be those who rejoice at the end of such terrible bloodshed. A million dead? Two million? No public institution in either Baghdad or Tehran has speculated on the true cost to its own side. And who won? Not the Iraqis who had sworn the overthrow of Saddam Hussein and the humiliation of America before they stopped fighting. And not the Iraqis, who had opened their invasion of Iran in 1980 with the statement that this was to be the "whirlwind war". It

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

## The card no one picks

In several government departments you can trace a fine of delicate steps up to a tangled undergrowth that has sprung up since 1952. In every case you can see where, after a quick survey of the thicket, those footsteps have turned delicately away. The thicket carries the sign "identity cards".

The cards carried by all in wartime Britain were abolished in the "bonfire of controls" in 1952. For 13 years before that, under the National Registration Act 1939, it was an offence not to produce your ID card at the request of a police officer. From time to time officials in the Home Office and Northern Ireland Office have looked back nostalgically to those days.

It has been argued that if all adults were required still to carry an identity card it would be easier, for example, to run quick checks at road blocks after a terrorist atrocity, taking a closer look at those with no obvious reason for being in the locality. Further, it would be easier to sort out under-age drinkers and to prevent fraud. The Department of Employment is well aware how ID cards could help to stamp out dole fraud.

The subject has been given a new impetus by the Government's proposal for a national soccer club membership scheme, linked to computerized data banks. It has cropped up in other contexts too. The Institute of Directors has argued that the only effective means of achieving reasonable compliance with

the poll tax would be the issue of a card which, incorporating a receipt for payment of the tax, would have to be produced for access to or provision of any local government service.

Given that the number of people paying the charge will be greater than for any other tax, and that people move about much more than the buildings on which rates are assessed, the IOD is almost certainly right. But ministers at the Department of the Environment did not even give the idea serious consideration. The dread words "civil liberties" whispered thrice by officials were enough to damn it right away.

But, the proponents of identity cards ask, what exactly is the objection? Most of us now carry cards to establish our identity in order to cash a cheque, buy on credit or gain entry to our workplace. We happily carry a driving licence, which the police can demand to see. Students and pensioners carry cards to obtain cheaper fares.

We have an NHS number and a National Insurance number. Identity cards are compulsory in some other EEC countries — among them West Germany, Greece and Belgium — and are available on request in France.

Political steam behind the idea is increasing. When Tory back-bencher Tony Fawcett introduced a recent Ten-minute Bill in the Commons favouring a national identity card scheme he was supported by 113 other Conservatives. But what was interesting

was that Labour's David Winnick, who opposed him, did not have to argue a real case. He merely said that identity cards were a practice far more associated with dictatorships than democracies, muttered about Eastern European practices and authoritarianism and won the vote.

It has been the same for years. Any mention of identity card schemes produces a ritual mention of Orwell, Kafka or the Gestapo and rational debate flies out of the window. And this government, because of its right-wing image, is more frightened than most of attracting the accusation of authoritarianism.

It all goes to show that civil liberties lobbies are a real force to be reckoned with in Britain today. A fortnight ago, for example, not one but two Bills backed by the low-budget but highly effective Campaign for Freedom of Information — Archy Kirkwood's Access to Medical Reports Bill and Chris Smith's Environment and Safety Information Bill — made it through the legislative process the same day.

The National Council for Civil Liberties finds the latest scheme for registration of football supporters "not too objectionable", though it depends whether a conviction or merely police suspicions are to be the grounds for barring membership to a would-be fan. The crucial questions, it says, are those of access to any information stored in conjunction with the use of a

card, where it comes from and what use is made of it.

As for identity cards on a wider basis, "The problem is not the carrying of a card, it's the police powers that go with it". Would there be a penalty for not carrying it or not producing it? If it were computer readable, as seems likely if one were introduced today, there is concern over the information it would carry — for example, criminal convictions which might not be relevant to some of its uses.

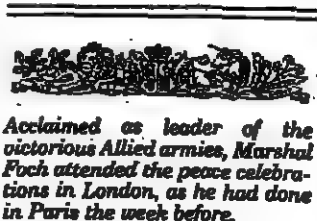
The NCCL need not worry. At this stage the police are telling the Home Office that identifying people is not a problem and the Home Office, while it keeps a reasonably open mind on identity cards, is certainly not going to rush in with proposals unless there is strong police pressure to do so.

Ministers have learned painfully over the firearms legislation which followed the Hungerford massacre that dashing for the statute book so as to be seen to react to an immediate public concern can prove painful.

They will react to any further intensification of the so far rather simplistic pressure for identity cards by saying that more debate is needed. And with the football club registration scheme now going ahead, anything that happens in this field will happen gradually, one small step at a time.

On balance, civil liberty weighs more heavily than a vague notion of social benefit — for the moment.

JULY 19 ON THIS DAY 1919



Acclaimed as leader of the victorious Allied armies, Marshal Foch attended the peace celebrations in London, as he had done in Paris the week before.

FOCH

Outside The Carlton

(From a Correspondent)  
The desire to see great men is one of the redeeming features of the human race, and it was much to the fore a little after 11 yesterday morning. Barely had Marshal Foch arrived at the Carlton Hotel than a crowd of extraordinary respectability surged against the eastern aspect of that noble and very British-looking pile of brick.

The middle classes, mostly of middle age, assembled, if so seemly a word can be used, in the Haymarket, were determined to see the Man who had led the Allies to victory. The July sun shone down on the morning mob, on the representatives of the clergy, professional and business classes, who had hastened through breakfast — in best bib and tucker — to welcome the great Frenchman. It was a friendly crowd, tightly jammed and slightly peering. All sense of fitness was lost. Dainty ladies climbed dangerous railings with the agility of lizards; elderly clergy supported the stalwart forms of their elderly wives in positions that would have shocked the Victorian age. But there was only one thought in every mind: he is in there, and we must see him. So stolidly, clutchingly, they waited and were prepared to wait the whole day

until the Man appeared. He did not keep them long.

In a very few minutes a window opened and there came out on a little balcony a figure that was at once recognised and greeted in a fashion that must have astonished even Marshal Foch. Such passionate spontaneous cheering springing as it seemed from very souls of that massed multitude, can never before have ever greeted any foreigner.

But what manner of man was this great commander, to the outward eye of the common British citizen? Though he was in uniform, he did not look "every inch a soldier" at all. He looked like a rather nervous professor being acclaimed by his pupils; he looked tired, as doubtless he was, though he certainly did not look bored.

Slowly the crowd of respectable citizens dissolved into its elements and reformed upon torn garments and the satisfied desire to gaze upon the man who is destined to be regarded as one of the very great men of history. The crowd had looked upon the third of the three great Latin commanders: Caesar, Napoleon, Foch. They perhaps hardly realized that the third had turned the great Art of Arms into almost an applied exact Science while taking up the reins of the Apparatus of Arms the will power to conquer and the brain power to foresee which were the main weapons of Caesar and Napoleon. They perhaps also hardly realized as they gazed upon that slight, tired, meditative figure, that they were looking upon a man who had arrested the apparent deflection of the course of world history which German predominance had portended and had given Christian civilization one more chance.



















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THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Return of Willy Russell's Best Musical of 1983, with Kevan Martin as the mother of twins who give one away and lives to regret it. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-338 3878). Previews from tomorrow, 7.45-10.45pm, opens July 28-10pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-9.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, previews 5.30-5.45pm, from July 28, 25.50-£15.50.

★ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Debbie Bishop and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel. Last week. Piccadilly Theatre, Dancin' Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm and 9-11pm, 25.50-£14.50.

★ **SUSAN'S HOMEVIDEO:** Dorothy L. Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Petherbridge and Emily Richard as the newly married Lord and Lady Peter Wimsey. Lyric Theatre, King's Cross, WC1 (01-731 2311). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Previews tonight 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 25-£10.

★ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** New cast takes over leading roles in Simon Gray's play tracing the fortunes of underdog friends. Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-338 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, 25-£14.50.

★ **LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE:** Return of Victoria Chaplin and Jean-Claude Triaud in a play about a circus which loved by fans. Marlowe Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-730 5589). Tube: Aldgate. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, 25.50-£12.50.

★ **EXCEPTIONS:** Jill Bennett plays a retired Latin teacher involved in the lives of a German refugee couple and their daughter back in the '50s. New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW1 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Previews tonight 8pm, then Tues-Sat 8pm, 25-£10.

★ **GREEN:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-338 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, 25-£10.

★ **BOPHATOWN:** Moving musical tribute to the "Chicago of South Africa", bulldozed out of existence in 1955 and recreated by the Junction Avenue Theatre of Johannesburg. Hampstead Theatre, Stables Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, 25-£7.50.

★ **THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD:** Revised O'Byrne's dramatic present Gilbert and Sullivan's classic encounter with real opera. Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (01-378 5238). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm.

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 30

**CATA**  
(c) Alfonso Cati, born Havana in 1937, the Cuban-American dancer, choreographer, and ballet director.

**TOUR EN L'AIR**  
(b) A movement in which the dancer revolves while jumping vertically in the air, usually the prerogative of the male dancer; it can be a double turn, and very rarely, if you jump high enough, a triple turn, without falling over.

**JOTA ARAGONESA**  
(d) Folk dance, to music by Jota, first performed in Petrograd in 1916.

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## Supernatural struggles

The adoption of a theme, be it ancient, modern, tragic, comical or pastoral, has always provided the Buxton Festival with the excuse to dig up at least one operatic rarity: this year is no exception. Now in its tenth year, the festival in the Derbyshire town has fixed on the Italian Renaissance poet Torquato Tasso (above right). After a weekend of jazz and antique shows, events start in earnest on Thursday with the first night of *Armida*, the last opera by Haydn (above left), based on Tasso's epic poem *Gerusalemme Liberata*. Amanda Holden has provided a new English translation for this "dramma eroico" about a knight, Rinaldo, in the first Crusade,

who is rescued from the clutches of the sorceress Armida. As they struggle against themselves and each other, arias are poured out in the heroic and pathetic vein, aided by the stonework of Rinaldo's friend, Ubaldo. Originally written for the Palace at Esterházy, with its opera house and puppet theatre, one eagerly awaits Christopher Reuslaw's transformation of the opera house at Buxton from its ornate interior into Armida's enchanted forest. Claire Daniels, Neill Archer and Jeffrey Talbot lead the cast in the first professional British staging of the opera. Opera House, Buxton (0298 72190). 7.45pm, 25.50-£21.

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

- 6.00** *Coastal AM*.  
**6.30** *Benny Rubin in Julius Sizer* (TV). 6.55 *Weather*.  
**7.00** *Breakfast Time* with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 *Regional news and weather*.  
**9.00** *News and weather*. 9.05 *Not First Time* introduced by Andy Crane with music from Hot House Flowers, beginning with *The Pink Panther Show*. Three comedians (TV). 9.25 *Record Breakers* includes attempts on the world's largest top dance troupe and table tennis counter-hitting (TV). 9.30 *Laurel and Hardy* (TV).  
**10.00** *News and weather* followed by *Harvest*. Tony Hart's guide to making better pictures (TV). 10.30 *Play School* (TV). 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Philip Madoc with a reading.  
**11.00** *SOS Coast Guard* (TV). Episode seven of the 12-part cliffhanger starring Ralph Byrd and Bela Lugosi. 11.30 *Tales Nobody's World* for it includes examples of optical illusions (TV).  
**12.00** *News and weather* followed by *The Garden Party*. Among the guests at the 1930s *International Garden Festival* are Desmond Morris, Sarah Kennedy and Kate Adie. 12.55 *Regional news and weather*.  
**1.00** *One O'Clock News* with Michael Baker. 1.30 *Neighbours*. Paul meets an old acquaintance. 1.50 *The Chappell*. Gold prospectors plot their revenge after John drives them from his land (TV). 2.40 *Buzzar*. Judi Sayers with more time- and money-saving ideas (TV). 3.10 *Look, Stranger*. A portrait of Bill Atwell, a worker in glass (TV). 3.30 *Passions*. American domestic comedy series starring Valerie Harper (TV).  
**4.00** *Popeye*. Cartoon (TV). 4.10 *Edward and Henry*. Cartoon (TV). 4.15 *Simon and the Witch*. Episode eight of the 13-part series starring Elizabeth Spriggs and Hugh Pollard (TV). 4.30 *The Spanish Are Coming*. John Craven with another 400-year-old report on the Spanish Armada. 4.35 *Wildtrack* in Madagascar. Su-ingle and Mike Jordan report from a paradise under threat (TV).  
**5.00** *Newsround*. 5.05 *Gentle Ben*. Adventures of a boy with a pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard. (Coefax) 5.30 *The Spanish Are Coming*. See 4.30. 5.35 *Neighbours* (TV).  
**6.00** *Six O'Clock News* with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. 6.05 *London Plus*.  
**7.00** *People presented by Derek Jameson*. Joni Barnett meets a successful undertaker and Glyn Worsnip salutes a young cancer sufferer who still has the energy to raise money for other sick children.  
**7.30** *Students*. Kathy receives a surprise visitor and then waits with trepidation for Peter's return. (Coefax)  
**8.00** *Juliet Bravo*. A young girl turns to Kate for protection when she is told by a man she thinks has evil powers that she will die on Halloween (TV). (Coefax)  
**8.30** *Police in View* with Alan Titchmarsh.  
**9.00** *News at Five* with Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.  
**9.30** *Five O'Clock News* (1983) starring Donna Reed and Larry Wilcox. A thriller about a series of murders at an exclusive school for girls. Directed by William Wiert. (Coefax)  
**11.00** *News* investigates the controversies surrounding the portrayal of religion on television. Presented by Margo McDonald and Craig Charles. 11.30 *Weather*.

## BBC2

- 6.55** *Open University: Technology*. A Mike Rye. Ends at 7.30. 9.00 *Coastal AM*. 10.00 *Open University: Cars in the Community*. 10.55 *Finding a Voice*.  
**1.20** *Gran (TV)*. 1.25 *Phenomena* (TV).  
**1.35** *Exploring Photography*. Part one - movement (TV).  
**2.00** *News and weather* followed by *Sign Extra* (TV). 2.25 *One in Four*. Magazine series about disability. (Coefax)  
**3.00** *News and weather* followed by *The Royal Warrant Show 1988* from Buxton. 3.30 *News*.  
**4.00** *Dr. Kildare*. Episode four (TV). 4.25 *Wainwright* shows Eric Robson the delights to be seen above Haverwater (TV). (Coefax)  
**4.55** *Northern Lights*. Artist David Blackman returns to his native Yorkshire (TV).  
**5.00** *It's a Dog's Life*. Police dogs (TV). 5.30 *Gardeners' World* (TV).  
**6.00** *News at Five* with Michael Baker. 6.30 *Neighbours*. John Wayne and Ann Dvorak. Duke Ferguson, a cattleman, arrives in turn-of-the-century San Francisco to collect a debt from casino-owner Tito Morrell. There he meets the beautiful Flaminia Tarr and becomes Tito's rival in love. Directed by Joseph Kane.  
**7.30** *China Scrapbook*. A painting and video record of everyday life in China.  
**8.00** *News at Five* with Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. 8.30 *On the Line*. In this first of a new series David Taylor and Kathy Taylor examine the increasing pressures faced by sports officials.  
**9.00** *Happy Families*. The last episode in the comedy series (TV). (Coefax)  
**9.30** *The Daily Men*. Customs men question a lady arriving Heathrow from Pakistan (TV). (Coefax)  
**10.30** *It's a Dog's Life*. Police dogs (TV). 10.55 *News* includes a report on Britain's new challenge for the America's Cup. 11.30 *Weather*.  
**11.40** *The Family*. Part six (TV). 12.10 *Open University: A Policeman's Lot*. Ends at 12.45.

## ITV/LONDON

- 6.00** *TV-am* begins with *The Morning Programme* introduced by Richard Keys. 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and John Morris. After Nine includes items on single fatherhood and pre-cognitive dreams.  
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## Jackson to join Dukakis team

From Michael Binyon  
Atlanta

After a crucial three-hour meeting yesterday morning with the Rev Jesse Jackson, Governor Michael Dukakis announced that the two rivals for the Democratic nomination had agreed on the full involvement of the Chicago clergyman and his supporters at every level of the presidential campaign.

At a joint press conference in which Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Dukakis nominee for vice-president, also took part, Mr Dukakis said Mr Jackson would be playing a "vital role" in the campaign, though the details had still to be worked out. Repeatedly praising Mr Jackson with soaring acclaim — something notably absent during the recent tension between the two — Mr Dukakis

### Party-going

said Mr Jackson had won the votes of seven million Americans, "and we want every single one of them". Mr Dukakis said the two would campaign together.

Mr Jackson, somewhat more subdued, said the meeting had been "fruitful" and had been a "very significant step". He added: "I seek no job, no salary, no title. I seek to serve, to keep America strong, to make America better. I feel my effectiveness would be less if I had a role, a title, a salary, a job."

He said he would still contest Mr Dukakis for the nomination tomorrow, and joked that he was hoping for a "Chicago miracle". But he would not put his name in for the vice-presidential nomination, and would encourage his supporters from doing so.

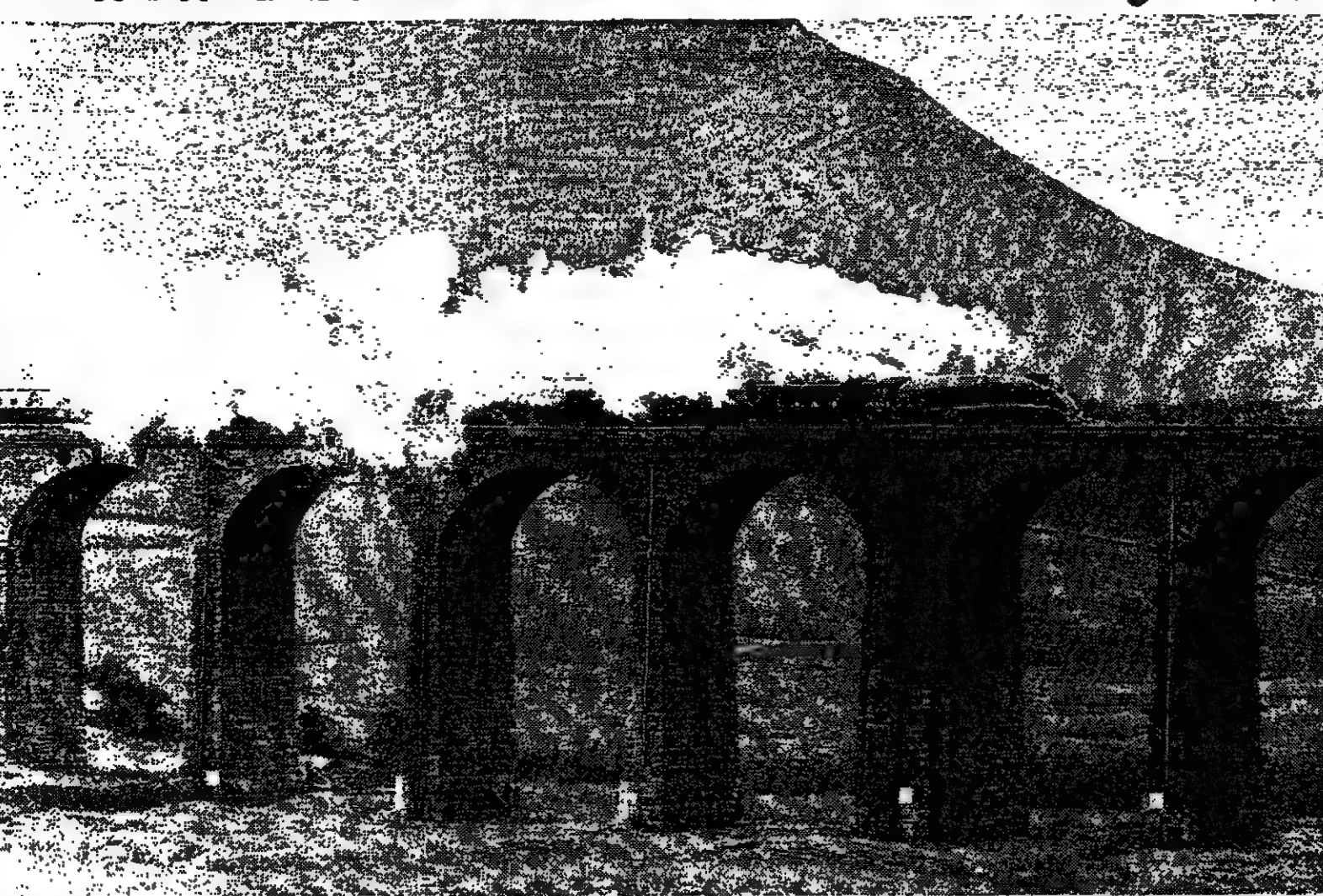
Their joint appearance showed clearly that both men had made spirited efforts to overcome the split which threatened to dominate the opening day of the Democratic convention.

But the details of the level and kind of involvement Mr Jackson is demanding remained unresolved. This exceeded what any primary campaign loser has ever sought and been granted. And Mr Dukakis, anxious to establish his overall authority and freedom of manoeuvre, had made his reservations clear with his remark that "every team has to have a quarterback. That's the nominee."

Among the proposals Mr Jackson has put on the table are: an untitled, unsalaried role for him in the campaign; a sharing of responsibility that would involve Jackson supporters at all levels of the campaign hierarchy; a role for Mr Jackson in the post-election transition team, and regular access to Mr Dukakis if he wins in November.

Liberals who have rallied around Mr Jackson are to challenge most, if not all, the party positions, or "planks", of the platform, today.

## Mallard steams into her next 50 years



The world's fastest steam locomotive, Sir Nigel Gresley's Mallard, displays a fine head of steam crossing the Ely Viaduct on the Settle to Carlisle line. The 133 ton giant among engines is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the run between Grantham and Peterborough on July 3, 1938, when it reached 126 miles an hour, a record which has never been

beaten by a steam locomotive (Ronald Faux writes). Rail enthusiasts turned out at the weekend to watch Mallard pull the first of 11 Golden Jubilee excursions along the line that winds through the Yorkshire Dales. Every bridge and embankment overlooking an incline where Mallard would be showing her clanking, steam-powered strength,

had clusters of steam buffs there to admire the engine's progress. "All I got was a glimpse of blue through a great cloud of steam and a whiff of burning coal that took me straight back to childhood. It was marvellous," one admirer said.

After retirement Mallard was a star attraction at the National Railway Museum in York until Scarborough

Borough Council led the campaign to have the engine restored to full steam. A series of four special trains pulled by Mallard to mark the anniversary has been increased to 10, all of which have sold out. Funds raised by the trains will help to restore the Duchess of Hamilton in the national collection at York.

(Photographic Barry Greenwood).

## Iranians agree to Gulf war ceasefire

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taken a lead in pressing Iran to accept Resolution 598, were expected to view Iran's move as a vindication of their hardline policy.

Whitehall sources said that the announcement was a complete surprise. But it followed a string of developments which have aroused speculation that a secret deal could be in preparation.

Mr Hans Heino Kopietz, of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, said he believed that there had been secret contacts both between Tehran and Baghdad and by third parties with both sides. Britain was among a number of countries which may have played a role.

He said: "I think we are seeing the first concrete step towards the end of the conflict. It is only one step, but much remains to be done, but it is the most important step."

Dr Ziba Moshaver, an Iranian academic at St Antony's College, Oxford, pointed out that the negotiations that will follow the ceasefire will be heavily concerned with the issue of the Iran-Iraq frontier on the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

This has been a long-

standing source of contention between the two countries, partly because the deep-water channel itself keeps shifting amid marshes and sandbanks. The row was settled by the Algiers Agreement of 1975 between President Saddam and the Shah of Iran.

That deal provided for the frontier to run down the middle of the deep-water channel. Iraq, however, had always claimed that it should have full control of the Shatt al-Arab, its only outlet to the sea.

Baghdad's desire to alter the 1975 settlement in its favour was one of the reasons for the Iraqi attack on Iran in September, 1980.

● WASHINGTON: The US yesterday welcomed Iran's formal acceptance of Resolution 598.

The White House and State Department, in identical statements, said that Tehran's move opened the way to end the conflict and restore stability in a troubled region of the world.

The statement also welcomed President Saddam's reaffirmation on Sunday of Iraq's acceptance of the resolution.

## Move to curb trial by jury

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"Rather, the department should seek to control the demand side of the Crown Court equation. This could be done only if the Lord Chancellor could secure ministerial approval for restricting the right to jury trial in respect of offences which were currently triable either way."

However unpopular this might be, "it unquestionably offered the best prospects for managing the disposal of not only criminal, but also of civil work" if recent civil justice reforms and a family court came into being.

It is not clear which of the offences which can be tried by magistrates or by judge and jury they have in mind. Such offences now account for almost 90 per cent of all cases committed for Crown Court trial.

But petty theft is certain to be one offence which would be covered. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, has repeatedly called for the abolition of the right to jury trial for petty theft.

In 1986, 97,000 criminal trials went through the Crown Courts, 34,000 more than in 1979.

## Unions angry as Rover axes jobs

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at about 500,000 cars each year, would remain roughly unchanged, although changes would come the mix of models.

Mr John Allan, Birmingham west district secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said: "This is a devastating move. The whole of the Rover Group were looking forward to expansion under the merger with BAE, not contraction like this."

Mr Paul Talbot, national officer of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, accused Rover and the Government of failing to give any indication of the scale of the cuts in spite of pressure in Parliament and elsewhere for information about the company's plans.

Conservative MPs backed the company's decision to close the plant. Mr Timothy Smith, vice-chairman of the backbench Conservative trade and industry committee, said that if British volume car manufacturing was to survive it had to be made efficient and able to compete effectively. Rover had decided that that could be best achieved by

concentrating production on one site.

● In Brussels, members of the European Parliament last night expressed shock and dismay over the Rover decision (Michael Dynes writes).

Mr James Elles, MEP for Oxford and Buckinghamshire, said that he was surprised at the speed with which Rover had decided to implement its corporate restructuring plan.

"The closure of the Cowley south plant and the loss of 4,000 jobs, which accounts for 40 per cent of the workforce, represents a disaster for Oxford," he said.

Mr Elles insisted, however, that there was no direct link between the commission's decision on the amount of aid the Government could give to Rover, and the company's decision to cut jobs.

"The authorization of aid was given on the condition that Rover implement the restructuring proposals contained in the corporate plan. Those job losses would have happened anyway," he said.

Mr Elles called for an initiative in the areas affected by the decision to compensate those people made redundant with retraining and relocation schemes.

### Lords sketch

## Gunned down by slow-action bores

Spluttering their papers all over the floor every time they crossed their legs, abundantly moustachioed and grunting sporadically, Their Lordships had motored up to London to make their feelings clear on the Government's intention to take away their guns.

The Firearms (Amendment) Bill had brought them out of their hides, ready to pepper the interfering jackanapes with all barrels of abuse. From a distance, the scene might have been mistaken for one of hideous carnage. All across the Chamber, Lords and Ladies sat slumped motionless in their seats, and, to one side, Lord Longford was looking around, as if in search of an aggressor to confront.

They had been kitted out with the finest objections in the most up-to-date modes. Lord Brain, pleading for the preservation of the pump action handgun, described how tourists coming to stalk in Scotland would be upset if their favourite weapons were to be impounded at Customs. About him, Lords suddenly nodded their sympathy for the poor Japanese tourist, Lord Swanscombe, all spectacles and moustaches, wished the Government wouldn't jump together the pump action shotgun and the self-loading rifle. "They are fish," he explained, "of an entirely different colour."

Going on to argue that the Government had moved the goalposts for these different coloured fish, Lord Swanscombe was about to kick off with, or at least dive into, an eulogy towards Switzerland, where, it seems, everyone is obliged to own a shotgun, when his voice grew croaky. "Must apologize for my voice," he said, "something funny's happened to it." A glass of water was sent up from the front bench, and he sipped away before resuming.

Left-handed people, he suggested, would be affected by this legislation. "There are a great many left-handed persons in this world. I'm sure that many of Your Lordships are left-handed." There were more nods. Lord Longford carried on looking around, perhaps in search of a left-handed peer to whom he might extend his mercy.

Up popped Viscount Maserene and Ferrard, thin,

bald and with a glint of loquacious springing from his eyes. "My grandmother had a silver revolver," he informed the House. "I don't know why exactly, but she did."

He continued his speech, jogging up and down on one leg in a most curious fashion. "I've got a pump action," he said. Ah! Then that would explain it. "My Lords," he went on, "the extraordinary thing about rabbits is that you mow down one or two with a rifle — Bang! Bang! — and the others don't seem to worry about it at all." This, he seemed to think, was a good argument for his pump action.

Dressed in a large bun and a bright green cardigan, Baroness Strang thought the Bill an "illogical over-reaction" to Hungerford. It was, she argued, like banning all Rovers after one Rover had run down some pedestrians. From the cross-benches rose a cross-patch, Lady Saltoun of Abernethy. She, too, looked to Switzerland for support. In Switzerland, she said, "everyone would have popped into his house and shot the poor Japanese tourist. Michael Ryan and there would have been no problem." Lord Northesk thought that tests were the answer. "One has to have a test to be a solicitor, and they can be as lethal as guns."

It fell to Lord Ferrers to answer for the Government. Resisting demands to tell the difference between one gun and another, he answered the less tricky points. "Lady Saltoun extended the imagination somewhat, I think over-helpfully," he declared, before homing in on his main objection. "I think it would be quite unsuitable if people went around shooting others."

"BWARGH!" came a noise from behind Lord Ferrers. "Has my Noble Friend Lord Burton made a noise?" he asked, with a calm that suggested that this was a perfectly regular occurrence. The debate resumed, with Viscount Maserene and Ferrard demonstrating the effectiveness of a bolt-action shotgun by recourse to mime. Poor Lord Ferrers looked horribly bewildered, surrounded on all sides now by slow-action 12-bore repeaters offloading themselves.

Craig Brown

## 'Free Kinnock' jibes

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs yesterday mocked Labour over Neil Kinnock's hour-long detention at airport in Zimbabwe at the end of his African tour.

There were cries of "Free Kinnock" from Tories as Mr Eric Heffer (Lab, Liverpool Walton) asked the Speaker for a debate to mark the birthday of Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the African National Congress.

Mr Kinnock returns to Britain today after 11 days touring the frontline states and faces a difficult Prime

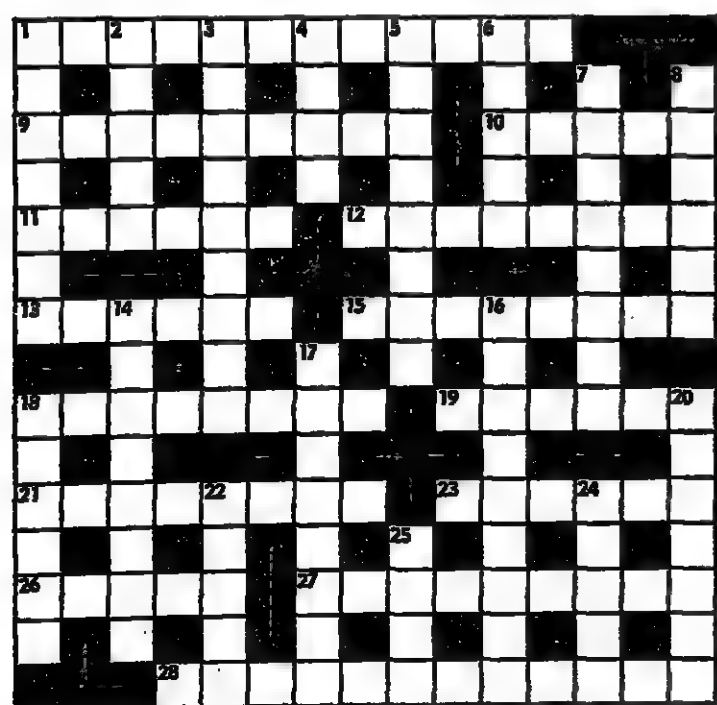
Minister's question time, with Conservative MPs set to make further political capital.

Mr Neil Hamilton (Con, Tatten) asked the Speaker if he would travel with Mr Kinnock on his foreign visits or give him "a certificate stating that, believe it or not, this person is the Leader of the Opposition".

Mr Bernard Weatherill told him: "I hope we are not going to reduce our proceedings here to farce."

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Appealing and sweet little house (9-3).
- 9 They were on a par with sinners, these politicians without religious education (9).
- 10 Designs produced by an agency (5).
- 11 Drawing to one side (6).
- 12 Musician rejected part as a scholar (8).
- 13 Capital — it makes all the difference (6).
- 15 Before autumn a gale is something we didn't expect (8).
- 18 I weep it out when I'm being tactful (5,3).
- 19 Oriental leader has gone to the rear (6).
- 21 To start a journey causes trouble (4,4).
- 23 Suit that might get worn out in the garden (6).
- 26 Digression expressing strange ideas (5).
- 27 Fitting occupation, we hear, for 9 (2,7).
- 28 How do you make a slide? The answer's in intricate carpentry (12).

#### DOWN

- 1 A's one — A1 (7).
- 2 Neat ornament — it contains water (2-3).
- 3 Turn for trainee to cook (9).
- 4 A match that's out (4).
- 5 Common Market deprived of leadership — still delighted (8).
- 6 It's one less than a ton (5).
- 7 Dog has opening in back door (4-4).
- 8 Among the stars in the past — Ralph Richardson (6).
- 14 Rock climbing? Consider first, and be ambitious (5,3).
- 16 Classified paper said to vanish (9).
- 17 Girl — pin-up for a lot of soldiers (8).
- 18 Face up to flying mammal, a native of Australia (6).
- 20 Curious about, say, a floral collection (7).
- 22 Absolutely transparent (5).
- 24 Hamlet perhaps could be said to be condescending (5).
- 25 Cut a caper (4).

### WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

BALLETOMANIA  
By Philip Howard

- CATA  
a. A reversed embrace  
b. A ballet by Paul Foucher  
c. A Cuban choreographer
- TOUR EN LAIR  
a. Folkie's ballet, "Circles in Space"  
b. A flying spin  
c. A whiplash swing
- JOTA ARAGONESA  
a. A Spanish throw  
b. A folkie ballet  
c. A Russian ballet
- GOH  
a. A Chinese dancer  
b. Japanese Noh ballet  
c. Ballet for ballet shoes

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,724

ACROSS  
1 HOUSE  
9 SINNERS  
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### WEATHER

A cold front is moving east across Scotland and into west Wales. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy start with some rain but this will be quickly replaced by sunny spells and showers. Northern England and North Wales will be cloudy but a little sunshine is likely in north-west England later. The rest of England and Wales will have sunny periods. Outlook: sunny spells and showers.

#### ABROAD

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FT 30 Share 1483.3 (-14.2)	US dollar 1.6695 (+0.0070)
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## Brazil 'to pay up this year'

Brazil intends to repay all outstanding interest owed to creditor banks before the end of this year, according to Senhor Mello da Nobrega, the Brazilian finance minister who was visiting London yesterday as part of a tour of European capitals.

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# Base rate rise to 10.5% fails to satisfy City

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, disappointed the City yesterday by authorizing a base rate increase of only half a point. The rise, from 10 to 10.5 per cent, was the sixth since early June, but left the markets convinced that further increases would be needed.

Mr John Sheppard, economist at Warburg Securities, said: "The Chancellor is following the markets rather than giving a lead. People were hoping that the action would be firm and decisive. This is exactly what has not been done."

Money market interest rates closed well above the new base rate level, with the three-month interbank rate at 11.14-10.14 per cent. Although a further rate rise is not expected this week, market opinion was that it would not be long in coming.

Analysts said that the Treasury, in restricting the base rate rise to half a point, had failed to take control of the situation. The building societies, who will be deciding by the end of the week what mortgage rate to set from August 1, were also left in some confusion.

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Another reason for delaying any announcement is to gain a competitive advantage in the mortgage market. No lender wants to plunge in and announce a rate only to see the

rise to between 11.25 and 12 per cent, according to the leading societies, which will have the effect of pushing the rate of inflation close to 6 per cent by September.

Treasury officials said 17 out of the last 18 base rate changes had been of half a point only because the authorities preferred to respond in an undramatic way and because half-point changes were now normal practice.

The base rate increase was for domestic monetary reasons, officials added. Fears that too sharp a rise in rates could have boosted sterling too much may also have limited the size of the move.

The pound closed 2.5 pence up at DM3.1412, and 70 points higher at \$1.6695. The sterling index rose by 0.5 points to 75.1.

Mr Bill Martin, chief UK economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said that the Treasury's half-point rule would have to be abandoned before long. He predicted 12 per cent base rates by the autumn, with an outside chance of 14 per cent rates.

Official figures out yesterday confirmed the recent picture of strong growth in the economy. Retail sales rose to record levels last month and public sector borrowing was again held back by buoyant tax revenues.

The index of retail sales volume rose by 0.4 per cent to 137.4 (1980=100), 6.3 per cent up on a year earlier. In the latest three months, sales were up 1.25 per cent on the previous three months and by 6.5 per cent on a year earlier.

Trade department officials said that the picture was one of strong but not accelerating growth. The average weekly value of sales last month was £2.06 billion, 10 per cent up on a year earlier.

The public sector borrowing requirement last month was £39 million, against City expectations of £500 million or more. In the first three months of the financial year the public sector was in surplus by £1.6 billion, and a repayment of £6 billion or more for the year is possible.

Inland Revenue receipts in the first three months were 13 per cent up on a year earlier, although officials cautioned against extrapolating this figure because of the Budget tax reductions. Customs and Excise receipts were 9 per cent up on a year earlier.

The two sides had been locked in talks for a week after Wereldhave disclosed it had built up a 10.4 per cent stake in Peachey and wanted to make a recommended bid.

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Mr Brown said: "They seem to be in a price league to us as far as price is concerned. They are quite inflexible. We shall now be putting up some stout resistance. I think we have a good case for arguing that our company is worth a lot more than they think it is."

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## Sugar signs up with Big Blue's little tramp



Leading City lights: Charlie Chaplin, reborn as IBM's symbol, and Amstrad's Alan Sugar

## Amstrad in IBM patent deal

By John Bell

Mr Alan Sugar went home from his distinctly low-tech office in Brentwood, Essex, yesterday £15 million richer. Not bad for an East End kid who started his foray into the world of business as a schoolboy by boiling beetroot for the local greengrocer.

The trigger for this upturn in Mr Sugar's wealth was a modest 6p rise in the shares of Amstrad. Mr Sugar's extraordinary consumer electronics group, in the wake of a patent agreement with IBM, Mr Sugar owns 250 million Amstrad shares. At £560 million, his paper fortune, exceeds that amassed by another Londoner, Charlie Chaplin, who figures in IBM's worldwide marketing campaigns.

Since Amstrad entered the world of personal computers, dominated by mega-buck corporations such as IBM, it has confounded all the critics. Yesterday, the upstart Amstrad received an accolade so far bestowed by the mighty IBM on only a handful of companies. "Big Blue," as it is known in the trade, has entered into an agreement which gives Amstrad worldwide access to IBM's patents.

The City liked the deal, as it removed the threat that one day IBM might turn the full blast of its legal powers on companies such as Amstrad, which have prospered on the back of IBM-compatible hardware.

Mr Sugar has always maintained that he carefully observes the intellectual property rights of other companies. But he will now be able to go about compatibility in a direct way, using IBM know-how, rather than reaching the same end by complex, more costly and slower means. "We no longer have to invent our own route to compatibility," Mr Sugar said.

The other side of the coin is that, where its technology is used in Amstrad products, IBM will receive a royalty. This, however, is unlikely to prove a brake on Amstrad's future growth.

Since his company floated in 1980, Mr Sugar has established a better track record than Houdini in escaping from the most dire predictions. Staid traditionalists said that Amstrad was a one-man band.

But ideas have never been in short supply since the Hackney-born Sugar first set up Alan M Sugar Trading, the forerunner of his quoted vehicle, selling car serials from the back of a van.

## Peachey rejects £265m bid from Wereldhave

By Cliff Fetham

Peachey Property Corporation, which owns London's Carnaby Street, yesterday rejected a £265 million hostile takeover bid from Wereldhave, the Dutch investment group.

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## Home loans set for 11.75% as societies delay decision

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Borrowers can expect their mortgages to rise by two percentage points to 11.75 per cent after yesterday's half percentage point rise in bank base rate.

This will mean an increase in monthly payments of £30 on a £30,000 repayment mortgage over 25 years and an increase of £58.70 to £450.80 on a £50,000 mortgage.

Building societies and other lenders are committed to raising mortgage rates on August 1 but they are still not confident that interest rates have stopped rising. They are, therefore, postponing the announcement of a rise for as long as possible.

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Another reason for delaying any announcement is to gain a competitive advantage in the mortgage market. No lender wants to plunge in and announce a rate only to see the

competition either undercut the rate or set a higher rate.

The Halifax's 1.5 million borrowers can expect an increase of 1.5 to 2 percentage points to somewhere between 11.25 and 11.75 per cent.

"We don't want to move and move again," says Mr Jim Birrell, chief executive-elect of the Halifax.

But the banks, which are more exposed to money market rates, have not been able to be so patient. Three banks, Barclays, Midland and the TSB, recently announced rises in their mortgage rates.

Barclays moved first with a rate of 11.1 per cent, followed by Midland at 11.3 per cent and the TSB with a rate of 11.25 per cent for endowment mortgages and 11.6 per cent for repayment mortgages.

## Whitcroft in £34m disposal

Mr Peter Aldridge, who led the management buyout of Thermoform from John Laing in 1983, is buying the Whitcroft builders merchant business for £34 million through Needwood Holdings.

After the takeover of Thermoform by Marley, Mr Aldridge joined the Marley main board. He resigned from Marley at the end of 1987 to pursue his own business interests. It is his intention to develop Needwood, which operates a builders merchants business in Birmingham, into a national chain.

Whitcroft, which is an industrial holding company with interests in textiles, building supplies, lighting and property development, will continue to expand its manufacturing of building products

## Oil licence applicants face checks into safety records

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government has released more details of the offshore oil licences it will offer — and given warning that the safety record of each applicant company will be under scrutiny.

Each applicant will be interviewed individually by the Department of Energy, which had originally planned to issue the details of the day after the Piper Alpha disaster.

The new licences, covering 212 exploration blocks, will be granted next year. Applications close in the first week of February.

For the first time, acreage is being offered in the Cardigan Bay area of Wales, but the bulk will be in the traditional oil-producing areas of the North Sea.

There will be 48 on offer in the central North Sea, 47 in the northern sector, 43 in the

southern fields, 19 in the Irish Sea, 17 in the Moray Firth area, 12 in the Orkney/Shetland region, 10 in the Shetland/Faroes area, seven on the Hebridean shelf, five in the English Channel, two in the Firth of Forth and two in Cardigan Bay.

● A £2.5 billion (£2.5 billion) project to develop the Hibernia oilfield off the coast of Newfoundland was unveiled yesterday in St John's.

Hibernia will be Canada's first important undersea oil development.

Both the federal government and the Newfoundland provincial government will subsidize the undertaking, which will be carried out by a five-company consortium led by Mobil Canada Ltd of Calgary.

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## STOCK WATCH

● Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: Additional airline routes boosted Davies and Newman Holdings (02210) by 30p; GCF (02371) rose 17p on speculative demand; Babygro Holdings (04283) slumped 25p after interims and an agreed offer; George Wimpey (01217), affected by worries about mortgages, dropped 10p.

● Recent additions include: Glasgow Income Warrants allotment letters 03391; Hysan Development 072229.

● Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak and 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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# Profit doubled to £47m as Tomkins beats bid forecast

By Alexandra Jackson

Tomkins, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate, beat the profit forecast made during its current offer for Murray Ohio, the US group, with a pre-tax figure of £47.1 million, up 56 per cent.

Earnings per share on a fully diluted basis increased 38 per cent to 19.7p.

Mr Gregory Hutchings, chief executive of Tomkins, said yesterday: "We are very confident of continued out-performance."

Sales last year rose from £207.1 million to £312.3 million, so pre-tax margins widened from 14.5 per cent to 15.1 per cent. A final dividend of 3.15p makes a total of 4.5p for the year.

Tomkins has made a recommended tender offer for Murray Ohio, a US lawnmower and bicycle group. The first closing of the offer is on Friday.

Mr Hutchings said there should be opportunities to cut costs at Murray Ohio and to improve its cash flow.

Mr Hutchings also pointed to the longer-term attractions of the markets Murray Ohio operated in.

"Demand for bicycles is growing by 13.7 per cent a year," he said, "and import penetration is stabilizing, while ride-on and push-be-

hind mowers are growing by 11 per cent and 4 per cent respectively."

Tomkins' results included a contribution of around £8 million from Smith and Wesson for just over ten months. Mr Hutchings said he was pleased with this acquisition which was showing good potential for profitable growth.

Tomkins' three leading operating divisions — building products, services to industry and professional and consumer products — all increased sales and trading profits last year.

The industrial products division had a more difficult time, however, and trading profits slipped from £4.8 million to £4.7 million.

Margins in industrial products also suffered, as they did in professional and consumer products. The latter was influenced by the inclusion of Smith and Wesson, naturally a lower margin business.

Mr Hutchings stressed Tomkins' broadening base and its exposure to businesses dealing with low-risk technologies.

This, he claimed, limited the downside to investors considering investing in Tomkins' shares.

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Great expectations: Gregory Hutchings after announcing better-than-forecast profits (Photo: James Morgan)

## Shield: no insider charges on DTI probe

There are to be no prosecutions under insider dealing law as a consequence of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into dealings in the shares of Shield Group, it was disclosed by the company yesterday.

The DTI itself is making no announcement, but has authorized Shield to announce that there will be no prosecutions.

Mr Norman Mazure, the Shield chairman, says his board is "not aware that any director of Shield used or disclosed any information other than property to its advisers or to others involved in the transaction or dealt directly or indirectly in Shield shares during the relevant period."

The company is prohibited from disclosing details of the inquiry, which was launched following a sharp rise in the Shield share price prior to the announcement of a deal with Heron Corporation last year.

Mr Mazure said "the board intends to put this issue behind it", adding that he hopes "shareholders will benefit from the restoration of the group's credibility." The inquiry related to share dealings and not to any dealings or transactions by the company itself, he said.

## Amber Day in £4m cash call

Amber Day, the clothing group which recently agreed the acquisition of Barrie Menswear (London) for £5.53 million from Ford Sellar Morris, plans a £4 million rights issue on the basis of one-for-three at 37.5p a share.

The Amber acquisition is to be settled by the issue of 13 million shares at 42.5p each. Ford Sellar will dispose of the 13 million Amber shares of which 4.25 million will go to Aldwick Associates, a member of the Blue Arrow group.

## Agreed bid

Shares in Babygro, the five children's clothing manufacturer, dropped 38 per cent to 40p on news that it has agreed a £4.4 million bid from textiles group, Robert Lowe. Robert Lowe is offering three of its shares for every 14 Babygro shares, valuing each Babygro share at 42p.

## New company

Mountleigh Group, the property developer, has established a new company responsible for group developments in the North of England and yesterday unveiled plans for two projects — including a £70 million complex in Leeds.

## COMMENT David Brewerton

# SE puts a dimmer on BZW and Kleinwort

Bright and early Monday morning is as good a time as any to rub a little salt into old wounds, and that is what the Stock Exchange (unintentionally) did with its announcement of the training details for Saef. The acronym stands for Saef Automatic Execution Facility, and the announcement came on the screen almost at the moment that Barclays de Zoete Wedd was switching on its computers to launch its own automatic execution service for small bargains.

The reasoning behind the launch of automatic execution systems is absolutely straightforward: computers are quite capable of transacting business with each other, buying or selling stock from a market-maker's book. It is the supermarket approach: at the end of the session the agency firm which has traded with the market-maker files through an electronic checkout, pays his bill for the shares purchased, and delivers his goods on to the ultimate customer.

Small bargains cost as much in terms of man-hours, office space and computer time as large ones; sometimes even more, since small bargains are usually transacted for the less sophisticated and knowledgeable investor.

The question is: should the Stock Exchange provide the facility or should this be provided by the market makers themselves? Two market-makers, BZW and Kleinwort Grieson, have each invested a great deal of money in developing automatic execution facilities.

They work on the basis that they will transact small bargains on the basis of

the most competitive price available on the Saef screen. Kleinwort's system, Best, is up and running and BZW will officially announce its first customer for trade later this week.

The Stock Exchange system will direct the trade to the market-maker showing the most competitive price, and will be available to all its members. But while firms transacting business on an agency basis may be quite happy to take any of the three competing services, it remains beyond dispute that the Saef system has been developed with financial resources partly subscribed by the two market-makers, BZW and Kleinwort, who stand to lose business when the Stock Exchange system gets off the ground in the autumn.

The BZW and Kleinwort systems could together provide all the capacity which is needed for the whole market to go on to autopilot, and there seems little need of the additional service from the Stock Exchange. Two market-makers do, after all, constitute a choice for the consumer and it is totally open for any other market-maker to launch his own facility.

David Lister, project manager for the Saef system, was not able to provide us with an estimate of the development cost of the system, but did volunteer that the Saef automatic execution facility is only the first stepping stone towards a much wider range of services which the Stock Exchange is planning to introduce. If those further services bring the Exchange into more competition with its own members, then they may take a less phlegmatic view of the situation than currently seems the case.

## Acquisitive Carless in £10m deal

By Carol Ferguson

Carless, Capel & Leonard, the independent oil company has made its sixth acquisition since its March year-end by buying Pentagon, a specialist chemicals company, for £10 million.

Based at Worthington, Cumbria, Pentagon manufactures its own products and processes chemicals.

The majority of Pentagon's shares are held by 31 and Northern Investors, the venture capital groups, and MW Hardy, the chemical trading company. Dr Peter Inglis, Pentagon's managing director, owns a little over 10 per cent. Carless will pay for the acquisition with £8.6 million in cash and 1.2 million new ordinary shares.

Pentagon's profits were £1.01 million in the year to last March on turnover of £5.1 million, implying a fully taxed exit multiple of 15.

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## £25m boost for Electrolux

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Electrolux of Sweden plans to invest another £25 million on its domestic electrical appliances operation in Britain, bringing total spending to £57 million.

The new spending is on plant and equipment for a new range of electric cookers to be produced at Spennymoor, County Durham, where Electrolux is turning out cookers under the Tricity, Zanussi and Electrolux brand names.

A further £250,000 is being invested, again in the North-east, in the former Zanussi microwave oven factory at

Peterlee, where all Electrolux group production of electronic noise filters will be centred.

The transfer of this production from Italy is expected to create 50 jobs at Peterlee, where the workforce currently numbers about 30.

It was the potential of the Spennymoor complex which was a key factor in Electrolux's decision to buy last summer the main domestic appliance divisions of Thorn EMI.

Electrolux already claims to have turned the loss-making complex to profit. Electrolux has just completed the ac-

quisition of the factory site from Thorn EMI for £8 million.

The Spennymoor development rounds off Electrolux investment in domestic appliance "white goods." Earlier spending had gone into production boosts, mainly for vacuum cleaners, microwave ovens, domestic refrigerators and gas cookers.

But there could be further investment to come in Britain in other sectors in which Electrolux is involved, said Dr Roger Baxter, managing director of Electrolux in the UK.

## Midland expands leasing operation

Midland Bank has completed the programme of exchanges and rationalizations with Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation by the purchase of Concord Leasing, HongkongBank's British leasing operation.

Midland is paying £14.25 million for Concord, which will now form part of Forward

Trust, Midland's own leasing company.

Midland said that Concord's business was complementary to that of Forward Trust and will be made to focus increasingly on vendor schemes, sales and leasing and printing equipment finance.

Last year, Concord produced pre-tax profits of £1.7

million, with total assets of £177.7 million.

The deal concludes the complex series of agreements under which Midland and HongkongBank have integrated their international operations.

HongkongBank last year bought 14.9 per cent of Midland.

## Record returns for property investors

By Cliff Feltham

Fund managers who invested in bricks and mortar last year made three times as much money as they would have from investing in the stock market.

The total return last year on British property was a record 24.9 per cent, compared with a rise of 10.4 per cent the previous year. By comparison, the FT-A All-Share index rose by 8 per cent.

According to the MGL-CIG Property Index — which covers commercial property hold-

ings worth £14.5 billion — the sector outperformed not just the stock market, but all other forms of British investment as well.

The survey shows that the British industrial market is enjoying a boom not seen since 1980, with total returns rising by 19.5 per cent. This compares with a 6.5 per cent improvement the previous year. The increase has been fuelled by demand for factory space from many of Britain's expanding industries.

Office property showed the highest total return since the

survey was first compiled in 1978 at 28.3 per cent.

The survey points out: "The almost consistently higher annual rates of return produced in equity markets since the early 1980s, when compared to returns on property, did not persist through 1987."

"For the first time since 1981 investment in property produced a better annual rate of return."

"In addition, a comparison of the annualized rates of return for the two types of investment for the 10-year period of the index clearly

demonstrates the wisdom of having held a proportion of assets in direct property."

The index is prepared by the Corporate Intelligence Group on behalf of Morgan Grenfell Laurie, the broker, and covers a third of all British institutional property holdings.

Miss Susan Courtney, the head of research at Morgan Grenfell Laurie, remains optimistic: "We forecast that UK property investment returns will continue to compare favourably with equity investment in the current market," she said.

## Birch's love games

Philip Birch, the energetic chairman of Halfords-to-Owen Owen and Payless DIY group Ward White, yesterday spent an extra day at a splendid 17th century country house in Northamptonshire where the Queen Mother once lived — to celebrate the fourth birthday of his youngest son, Jamie. It also gave the 55-year-old father of eight — five by his first wife and three by his second — a chance to rest his aching limbs after participating in a doubles tennis tournament between his family and the Press. Partnered by Kim, his eldest daughter, Birch was knocked out in the second round. But his son-in-law Guy Millar, husband of Kim and home on leave from the HongKong and Shanghai Bank, salvaged the family honour by winning the final — albeit with more than a little help from his partner, Brian Zlotnick. A *Financial Weekly* journalist. According to his curriculum vitae, Birch lists his hobbies as football as well as tennis, and he is, I am assured, rather better at the former. Indeed, his interest in the game extends to his ardent support of Liverpool Football Club, the city from whence he hails. Until his more recent success with Ward White, he was apparently best-known beside the Mersey for being a trustee librarian in Liverpool Public Library, and then, at the age of 16, becoming a merchant seaman, just like his dad.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Rising son of Ireland

David Ireland, son of BTR's legendary former finance director Norman Ireland, is clearly a similarly rising star in the world of stockbroking. Once a City journalist on the *Evening Standard*, Ireland joined three years ago to join Quilter Goodison, and was almost immediately snapped up by Warburg Securities —

then Rowe & Pitman — as an industrial holding companies analyst, among much else. He has now been poached once again by House of Fraser to head a team of three analysts covering that same sector. He joins in a month's time and will replace Mark Cusack, who was recently promoted to head of research.

## Dayzed

One could have understood it if Professor Roland Smith had appeared at a little battered when agreement over British Aerospace's acquisition of Rover was finally reached. But

none of it. The BAe chairman strode into the DTI press conference room in Victoria Street about 20 minutes ahead of Lord Young, looking fit, well and combative. It was Graham Day, the Rover chairman, who was sporting a nasty-looking gash across the forehead. Had heads been knocked together in the preceding 24 hours? No, Day assured. "I just walked into a car door. Honest."

## Young runs

The collection boxes at Consolidated Gold Fields are about to be rattled again. Michael Young, the head of ConsGold's PR department — and once one of Edward Heath's economic advisers — is leaving, after 14 years with the mining group. Michael, who enjoys the occasional cigar, is, from September, to be head of public affairs at BAT Industries.

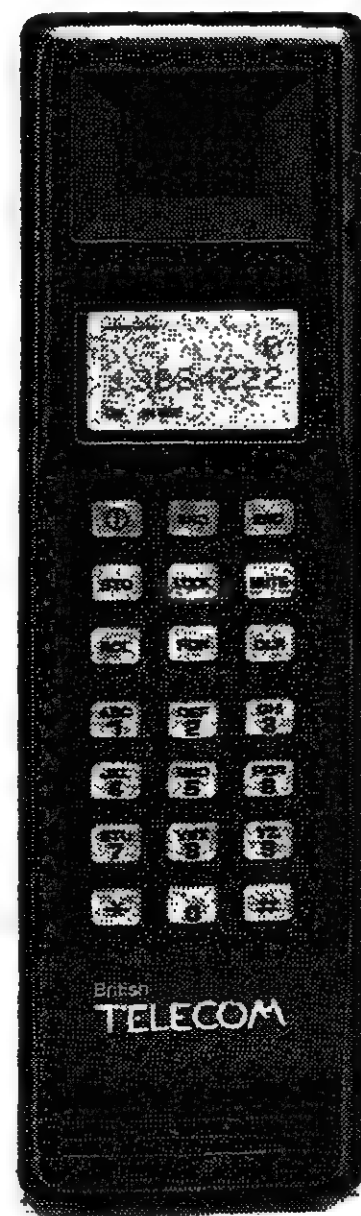
## Cooke report

Peter Cooke, aged 56, the Bank of England's international supervision guru and one of its less pompous directors, tells me he intends to break the mould when he "retires" from the Bank in November. Though delphic about most of his plans, Cooke is adamant that he does not want to "go off and run a bank." This flies in the face of the recent trend for ex-Old Lady employees to attempt to turn round ailing banks, as Rodney Galpin is about to do at Standard Chartered and Sir Kit McMahon is doing at Midland. But perhaps it is simply that there are no decent-sized banks in trouble right now for Cooke to take over — David Walker, after all, is having to make do with the SIB. Cooke, whom many feel unfairly took the rap for the near-collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers, does, however, intend to continue working within the financial services arena. One of his last tasks at the Bank will be to chair the Cooke Committee of international bank supervisors in Tokyo in October. "I'll be taking a slow boat to Tokyo, and an even slower boat home," he says.

● The chief executive of a fast-growing public company tells me he recently summoned his finance director to his office for a meeting. Upon his arrival he asked the director why he had not brought any papers with him. "Because you don't need papers," came the swift reply.

Carol Leonard

## That's about the size of it.



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100	45	Maxwell Sms	85	92	1.3	15	218
283	283	Lacoste: Newsm	177	187	116	6	6
310	145	Polaroid Game	160	167	147	2.3	6.4
266	266	Sho. Sles & Fash	230	237	147	6.3	6.4
284	284	Sho. Sles & Fash	230	237	147	6.3	6.4
284	284	Sale	230	237	147	6.3	6.4

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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### DOLLAR SPOT-RATES

Finland	1,229.0-1,435.0	Denmark	7,184.0-7,189.0	Italy	1,393.0-1,394.0
Singapore	2,052.0-2,053.0	W Germany	1,874.0-1,875.0	Belgium (Com)	2,002.7-2,003.0
Malaysia	2,536.0-2,537.0	Switzerland	1,554.0-1,555.0	Hong Kong	7,610.7-7,610.8
Australia	1,257.6-1,258.4	Netherlands	2,119.0-2,114.0	Portugal	152.4-1,522.8
Canada	1,210.5-1,211.5	France	6,317.5-6,322.5	Spain	124.7-124.8
Sweden	6,451.0-6,458.0	Japan	134.6-134.7	Austria	1,225.1-1,225.2

## MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 10% Finance Fee 6%	<b>EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %</b>
Discount Market Loan	Currency 7 day 1 mth 3 mth 6 mth
Overnight High: 9% Low 9 Week Fixed: 9%	Dollar: 7 1/2-7 3/4 1 1/8 3 1/4 3 1/4 3 1/4
Treasury Bills (Discount %)	Cash 7 1/2-6 1/4
Buying: 2 mth - 10% 3 mth - 10%	Deposits: 4 1/4-4 1/4 4 1/4-4 1/4 4 1/4-4 1/4
Selling: 2 mth - 10% 3 mth - 10%	Call: 5 1/4-5 1/4

11%  
 11%  
 8%

1 week: 10-9% 1 mth: 10%-10% 3 mth: 11%-10%  
 6 mth: 11%-9% 12 mth: 11%-11%  
 Local Authority Deposits (%)  
 1 day: 9% 1 day: 9% 1 mth: 10%  
 3 mth: 11% 6 mth: 11% 12 mth: 11%  
 Local Authority Bonds (%)  
 1 mth: 10%-10% 2 mth: 10%-10% 3 mth: 11-10%  
 Yield: 4 1/2-4 3/4 4 1/2-4 3/4 4 1/2-4 3/4  
 Cash: 3% - 3 1/2%  
**BULLION:**  
 Open: \$457.75-458.25 Close: \$435.50-436.00

**COINS:**  
Britannia \$448.50-450  
Keweenaw \$424-426

**ECGD**  
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day:  
June 30, 1968. Agreed rates July 26, 1968 to June  
23, 1969. Scheme I: 10.21 per cent. Schemes II & III:  
10.12 per cent. Reference rate June 1, 1968 to June 30,  
1968. Scheme IV & V: 8.909 per cent.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTU

Open High Low Close Vol					Open High Low Close Vol						
<b>Three Month Starting</b>					<b>US Treasury Bond</b>						
Previous open interest 26986					Previous open interest 2423						
Sep 86	88.83	89.07	88.81	89.05	19229	Sep 86	85-10	85-13	85-25	55-27	5408
Oct 86	88.86	89.06	88.85	89.06	3318	Dec 86	NT			85-01	0
Nov 86	88.88	89.08	88.87	89.08	16						
Jan 87	89.40	89.61	89.40	89.67	59	<b>Long Gm</b>					
Sep 86	89.40	89.63	89.40	89.64	13	Previous open interest 43115					
						Sep 86	93-29	94-04	93-18	94-04	23299

previous open interest	34804	FT-SE 100	
91.58	91.60	3326	
91.28	91.30	618	184.70

1992-93		1991-92		1990-91		1989-90		1988-89		1987-88		1986-87		1985-86		1984-85		1983-84		1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80		1978-79		1977-78		1976-77		1975-76		1974-75		1973-74		1972-73		1971-72		1970-71		1969-70		1968-69		1967-68		1966-67		1965-66		1964-65		1963-64		1962-63		1961-62		1960-61		1959-60		1958-59		1957-58		1956-57		1955-56		1954-55		1953-54		1952-53		1951-52		1950-51		1949-50		1948-49		1947-48		1946-47		1945-46		1944-45		1943-44		1942-43		1941-42		1940-41		1939-40		1938-39		1937-38		1936-37		1935-36		1934-35		1933-34		1932-33		1931-32		1930-31		1929-30		1928-29		1927-28		1926-27		1925-26		1924-25		1923-24		1922-23		1921-22		1920-21		1919-20		1918-19		1917-18		1916-17		1915-16		1914-15		1913-14		1912-13		1911-12		1910-11		1909-10		1908-09		1907-08		1906-07		1905-06		1904-05		1903-04		1902-03		1901-02		1900-01		1899-00		1898-99		1897-98		1896-97		1895-96		1894-95		1893-94		1892-93		1891-92		1890-91		1889-90		1888-89		1887-88		1886-87		1885-86		1884-85		1883-84		1882-83		1881-82		1880-81		1879-80		1878-79		1877-78		1876-77		1875-76		1874-75		1873-74		1872-73		1871-72		1870-71		1869-70		1868-69		1867-68		1866-67		1865-66		1864-65		1863-64		1862-63		1861-62		1860-61		1859-60		1858-59		1857-58		1856-57		1855-56		1854-55		1853-54		1852-53		1851-52		1850-51		1849-50		1848-49		1847-48		1846-47		1845-46		1844-45		1843-44		1842-43		1841-42		1840-41		1839-40		1838-39		1837-38		1836-37		1835-36		1834-35		1833-34		1832-33		1831-32		1830-31		1829-30		1828-29		1827-28		1826-27		1825-26		1824-25		1823-24		1822-23		1821-22		1820-21		1819-20		1818-19		1817-18		1816-17		1815-16		1814-15		1813-14		1812-13		1811-12		1810-11		1809-10		1808-09		1807-08		1806-07		1805-06		1804-05		1803-04		1802-03		1801-02		1800-01		1799-00		1798-99		1797-98		1796-97		1795-96		1794-95		1793-94		1792-93		1791-92		1790-91		1789-90		1788-89		1787-88		1786-87		1785-86		1784-85		1783-84		1782-83		1781-82		1780-81		1779-80		1778-79		1777-78		1776-77		1775-76		1774-75		1773-74		1772-73		1771-72		1770-71		1769-70		1768-69		1767-68		1766-67		1765-66		1764-65		1763-64		1762-63		1761-62		1760-61		1759-60		1758-59		1757-58		1756-57		1755-56		1754-55		1753-54		1752-53		1751-52		1750-51		1749-50		1748-49		1747-48		1746-47		1745-46		1744-45		1743-44		1742-43		1741-42		1740-41		1739-40		1738-39																																																											
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	Dec 990-969	Vol 53524	Copper Stand	1240.0-1245.0	1243.0-1248.0	Ni	Quart
				367.50-368.00	368.00-367.00	38825	Brly Gds
COFFEE	Q W Joynton		Alum Hl Gds	752.0-753.0	751.0-752.0	39025	Quart
Jan 1082-1059	Mar 1119-1315		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	May 1122-1130		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Jul 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Oct 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Dec 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Feb 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Apr 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Jun 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Aug 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Oct 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Dec 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Feb 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
Nov 1082-1081	Apr 1150-1140		Alum Stand	720.0-721.0	720.0-721.0	39025	Quart
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## TECHNOLOGY

## There's much more to 'desktop' than words

Like any craftsman's tool, desktop publishing does not give good results in the wrong hands. Desktop publishing equipment puts many of the graphic designer's tools into lay hands, but does not give its user the skill or visual flair the designer has gleaned from his training.

DTP software makes the technical elements of design accessible to everyone, but there is more to successful document production than being able to line up text with pin-point accuracy.

It is easy for the first-time user to become carried away by the range of features his new equipment offers. Early efforts often resemble typesetter's sample sheets as typefaces, column widths, font sizes and line rules litter the page with merry abandon.

The result is invariably a mess, despite its technical virtuosity. It looks amateurish, spoiling the whole rationale of making a considerable capital investment in DTP equipment instead of placing the work with outside typesetting and design facilities.

The design of a document should be the servant of the information it contains, not the master. If it attracts attention away from the text, it has failed. In the early stages of the learning process, it is wise to forgo most of the special effects and concentrate on a straightforward style.

A good starting point is to switch the computer off and spend some time gathering a number of documents aimed at the same sort of readership as yours. Look for common design features, and make a few fundamental decisions about how a document will look.

The size of the finished article is the first choice. A4 paper is the usual size for magazines, company reports, catalogues, hand-out brochures and the like, but books and newsletters tend to adopt smaller formats.

Once the page size is established it is necessary to consider the way the main text, or body copy, will appear.

Books and pamphlets almost always run lines of text straight across the page, whereas newsletters and magazines adopt a multi-column style. If you intend to incorporate pictures or diagrams, the latter style allows more flexibility.

Either way, the maximum line length should be chosen in conjunction with the size of each letter in the body copy. Columns designed to a maximum of less than about 24 characters look unsightly because of awkward word breaks.

If the text is justified, with the leftmost and rightmost letters brought out to the edges of the column, many lines will need excessive hyphenation or padding

By Simon Craven

*'Desktop publishing often resembles a typesetter's sample sheet as types and line rules litter the page with merry abandon'*

with spaces. Narrow columns are often better left unjustified.

If a page is to contain a large amount of text it is essential that the typeface used should be easy to read. Ornamental faces have their uses, for logos or headlines, but a more conventional style pays off in legibility. The majority of books, magazines and newspapers select their body copy typefaces from variations on no more than a dozen old favourites, many of which are almost indistinguishable from each other at a casual glance. This is purely on the grounds of legibility.

Once this basic criteria has been established, it should be followed consistently throughout the document. There is nothing more disconcerting than a page design which changes horses in mid-stream.

White space is another important element of design. The neophyte desktop publisher frequently tries to pack too much type on to each page. A block of text may be offputting to the reader in one form, whereas with wider margins along all four edges, a little more space between lines and columns, and possibly a slightly larger type size, the appearance can be made much more welcoming.

When the page is destined to be bound in some way, leave a good blank margin down the bound edge. Otherwise the binding process might make it difficult or impossible to read the letters nearest that edge of each page.

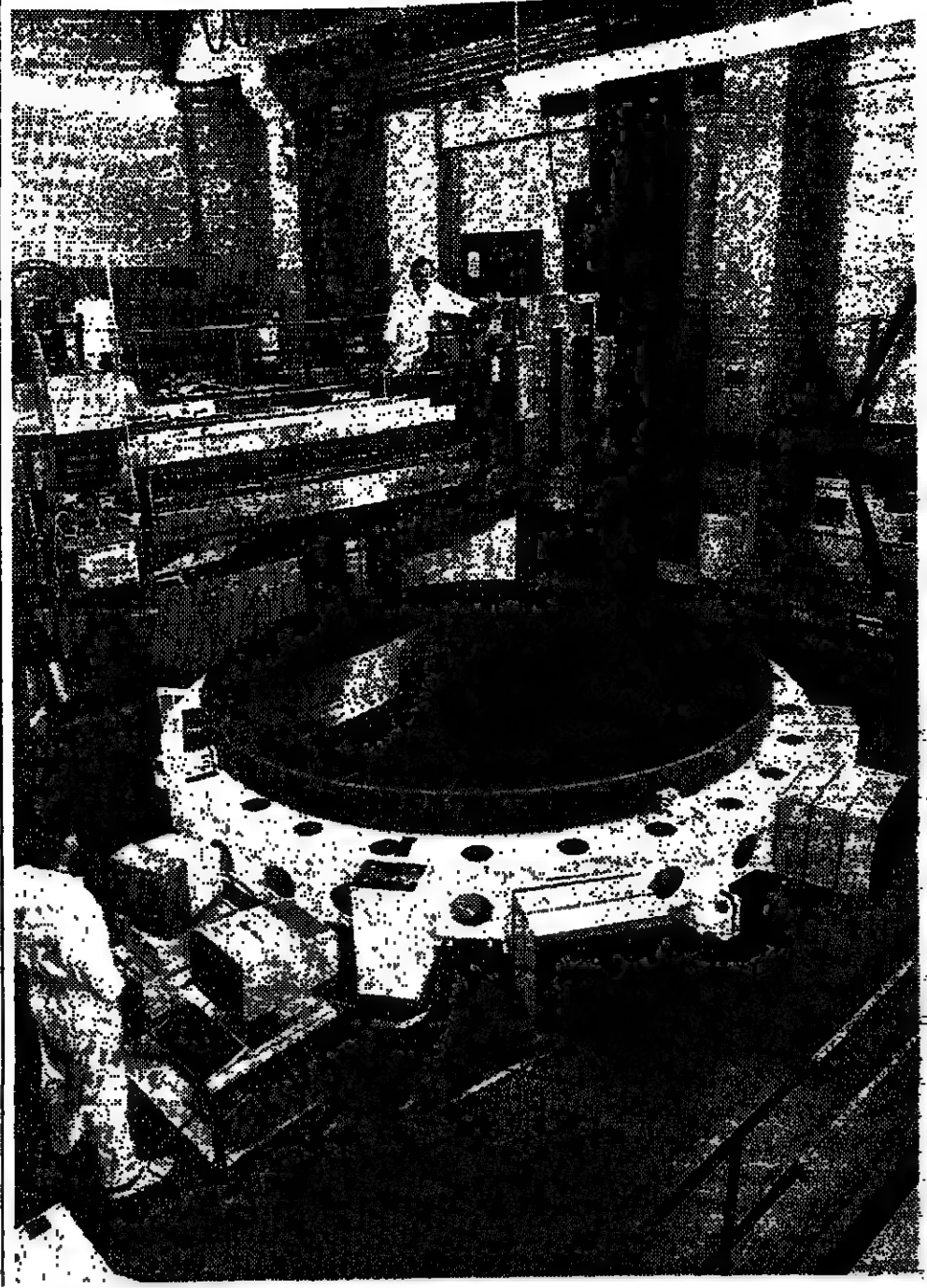
If text is justified in multiple columns it is important to leave a distinct gap between the end of one column and the beginning of its neighbour, otherwise the eye may be deceived into reading straight across the page. Line rules, between columns should be avoided except in newspaper-style design where they serve to separate one article from the next.

It is unlikely that the previously-written body copy will fit the space allocated to it without a certain amount of fiddling. Space limitations usually mean that the text has to be cut.

The disciplined editing thus imposed can improve the impact and readability of the message, as a careful re-reading can reveal redundant words or phrases which would be better eliminated.

Further detailed editing may also be needed to eliminate the piquantly-named "widows and orphans" — the first or last line of a paragraph which spills over the bottom of a column or page.

In human terms, one of the dangers of the desktop publishing process is that too much can be done by one man. If the whole document, from the initial copywriting to the design, proofreading and printing, is handled by the same individual, silly mistakes often survive right through to the finished product.



## A look ahead

Work has been completed on a new optical system that should open a new era of telescope technology for astronomers, writes Pearce Wright.

Last week scientists from the eight countries that operate the European Southern Observatory, at La Silla, in Chile, approved a special mirror and its computer control system built by Carl Zeiss.

The mirror is a milestone in the development of the 3.58 metre New Technology Telescope (NTT) to be opened at La Silla at the end of the year.

The six-ton mirror is made from Zerodur, a glass ceramic which has taken two years to polish, with a surface "residual error" of no more than 25 nanometres. Nanometre is one-millionth of a millimetre.

When complete, the NTT will, claim the European Observatory scientists, be the first telescope with "active optics" control to adjust the optical system for obtaining the clearest images. In principle, the NTT should be able to observe fainter and more distant objects in the universe than any other instrument of comparable size.

Adjustments to the mirror are made by modifying the forces on 75 supports through a delicate computer control system.

The use of active optics has allowed the use of thin, lighter and more flexible glass blanks from which to polish the mirror.

## Macintosh helps the rock to roll

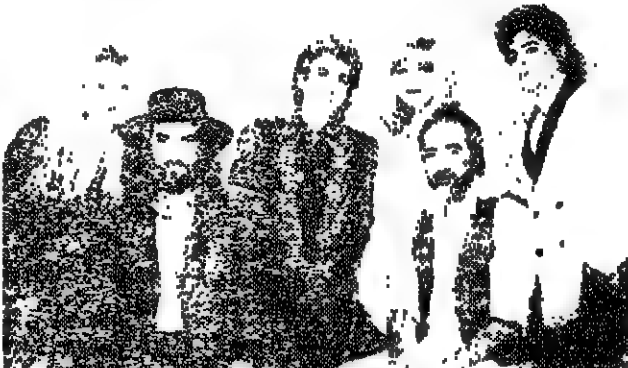
By Geoff Wheelwright

Computers and rock music have enjoyed a close relationship over the last few years, but their liaisons have usually been limited to the recording studio.

The recent European tour of the US pop band Fleetwood Mac, however, is enjoying the benefits of a love affair between the tour manager, Leo Rossi and his personal computers.

Mr Rossi is a Los Angeles-based freelance tour manager whose clients include Chaka Kahn, Bette Midler, Huey Lewis, Al Jarreau and Fleetwood Mac, all of whose recent tours have been planned from behind the screen of an Apple Macintosh.

"A tour manager is like captain of the ship — I get a list of dates from the promoter,



The US rock band, Fleetwood Mac: Apple plans the day put together all the trucks, press interviews — it is all time-critical."

Mr Rossi started using personal computers to plan his tours back in 1984. He explained: "I started using one during a Bette Midler tour and it was originally for doing manifests for equipment to take on the tour. But it

developed more into management, using spreadsheets.

"The latest thing was the Apple Hypercard — a software system for the Apple Macintosh that allows you to control the machine via an on-screen card box and that has helped a great deal.

"We put everybody on a Hypercard each, then link them all together with their travel and financial arrangements and produce schedules with a laser printer."

Mr Rossi also makes use of communications technology to make changes to the tour plans while he is on the road. "I can book hotels, flights and the whole tour from my home with the modem," he said.

When, for example, tour dates are cancelled in the night, he can access a local phone line with the computer

and reroute the whole tour from his room.

The computers also play a part in actually producing the music on the tour. By making full use of his personal computer, he actually needs less electronic music equipment.

The fact that hundreds of sounds can be stored and controlled by the Macintosh computers also allows the band to cut down on the number of specialist music keyboards that have to be taken on tour.

Instead, they need only bring one or two "generic" keyboards which can be used to access the library of sounds stored on the computer.

"The computer is sometimes even used to illustrate how huge, complicated sets and backgrounds are to be struck when they arrive at a concert site," he said.

## Tough line on data

By Matthew May

Companies which have complaints from the public about the personal computer information they store upheld are now liable to see their misdeeds publicized.

Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, has said in future he will "feel free" to publish the names of offending data users, though the individual complaints will remain anonymous.

Up to now, Mr Howe has not named the companies concerned when publishing case histories about those who have breached the Data Protection Act, which came into force last November.

More than 800 complaints have been received over the past year — four times the previous year's total. A quarter of the complaints concern the right of access to information rather than what is actually stored.

The Data Protection Act allows individuals to have a copy of personal data held about them in computer files, though certain government and police files are excluded.

One problem with police records available is the possibility of employers exerting pressure on job applicants to use their right of access to police files, so that an employer can see them.

"To use the Act to force individuals to find and reveal information about themselves is contrary to the objectives of

data protection and should be stopped," said Mr Howe.

In his fourth report to parliament published last week, Mr Howe also notes that there is concern from the public about both the amount and relevance of personal information people are being asked to provide when filling out forms, and he is worried about what use the information might be put to.

Other worries include the security of the computer systems on which personal information is held in case they are disclosed to unauthorized third parties.

There is also increasing unease among the public about the amount of personal information held about them on computer files. Mr Howe cites research that shows three-quarters of the population are "expressing concern", an increase of 12 per cent from

the previous year.

As an example, the report cites the growing practice of building banks of information on the lifestyle of individuals for marketing purposes.

"I shall be looking to see whether data users fully inform individuals as to why various items of information are required, what uses will be made of the information and to whom it will be disclosed," said Mr Howe.

Most requests by people for information access have been to their employers, to see what information is stored about them, though only a few cases have led to requests for correction or deletion.

A survey by the registrar suggests that requests by individuals to see information held about them has now run into the tens of thousands, though this take up is considered quite low.

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The potential economic importance of genetic branding was highlighted by a recent landmark patent issued to two Harvard scientists for a genetically altered mouse, the first genetically engineered organism ever patented in any country. The mouse strain is sold in laboratories.

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## HORIZONS

## New boss of the borough

Joan Llewelyn Owens looks at the modern council's chief executive

Nearly all local authorities now appoint a chief executive to act as their managing director.

This man or woman has not necessarily spent all his or her life in local government, nor need this person be a lawyer, as was the case with most clerks to councils. Though lawyers still predominate, chief executives now come from a variety of backgrounds.

Rodney Stone, chief executive of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, is a solicitor, but other Kent authorities have appointed an environmental health officer, an engineer, a housing officer, a finance officer and a retired air commodore. Elsewhere there are planning officers, former civil servants and people from the private sector.

Mr Stone said: "I think it is going to become easier to come in from outside because the philosophy and outlook of local authorities are changing. Authorities are looking at their activities in a very commercial way."

The departmental responsibilities of the former clerk to the council are now usually handled by a borough, city or county secretary, leaving the office of the chief executive free-standing. "My role," said Mr Stone, "is to work with the elected members of the authority, to formulate a vision of where the council is going, and to find a set of shared values with the authority. Then one works with other senior managers, doing one's best to put this into practice. I see my office as a bridge between the council and other parts of the community."

In the two years since his appointment, he has built up a good relationship with the Chamber of Commerce. His office has had constructive and regular contact with the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, and tried to improve relationships with parish councils and the media, an important way of establishing a dialogue with the public.

"How free are you," I asked, "to do as you think fit?"

"Theoretically, I am empowered only to do what the borough council formally tells me I can do. On the other hand, it has effectively appointed me as its managing director, and I have widespread delegated powers. The reality, however, is that there are a number of key elected members with whom I work closely, such as the leader of the council. I also try to maintain amicable working relationships with the majority parties, and, through that continuing dialogue, one can form a sense of what they all want to achieve."

One change for which Mr Stone thinks

he can take credit is the introduction of a system of paying staff by performance rather than by automatic increments, and an annual cost-of-living award. This has been done without any disruption from the unions.

The council has also strengthened its commitment to training. When he took over, about six per cent of senior managers had received some management training; now everyone has.

His job is extraordinarily diverse. That day he had lunch with a leading councillor and the Audit Commission. This was to discuss setting up a seminar with elected members of the Council, at which he and others would speak to the Chamber of Commerce on the impact of the community charge and changes in the rating system of the business community. Earlier in the day he had met the rest of the management team -

paused, then said: "I see a new major role for local authorities, and Tunbridge Wells in particular, of being a catalyst for change within their own areas; of acting almost as a middle man to co-operate with the private sector, to provide the right level of service."

"The council itself will provide services only where it can be proven that it can provide them more efficiently than the private sector."

Tunbridge Wells, he added, had put a number of services out to competitive tender before it was legally required to do so. It had privatized public-convenience cleaning, and other parts of its cleansing operations, and refuse collection (there had been teething troubles, but those were largely overcome).

For some time, too, rather than trying to do very specialist work in-house, it put work out to the private sector. For a big property development, for instance, it tended to use consultant surveyors and London solicitors.

The borough has a comfortably low unemployment rate and, in a sense, the pressures of the borough are the pressures of success. One of the issues that arose in its discussion with the Chamber of Commerce was how it could help employers by providing more low-cost housing for the increasing work-force of a prosperous business sector and still preserve the Green Belt. The housing need is forcing a total re-examination of the role of a traditional housing authority. It is considering setting up a housing association on a particular site, and using the private sector to help open up housing sites that it needs.

In this prosperous part of the country, the main growth area is likely to be in the provision of leisure facilities. He said: "I see the local authority role not just as a provider, but as an enabler. We are commissioning a consultant to carry out an in-depth study of leisure needs, both private and public, of the borough for the next few years. We shall explore ways in which we can work in partnership with the private sector in meeting those needs."

Mr Stone commented: "There is enormous satisfaction when you see matters on which you have been working in partnership with others becoming real."

But there must be frustrations? "Oh yes," he said. "When the reality doesn't live up to the dream, when because of forces outside one's control, because of the sheer inertia of an organization, things don't happen as quickly or effectively as one would wish."



other departmental heads - to consider how they could revise their working practices so as to be a more effective body.

He spends much of his time attending formal committee meetings of the council, though some of this he delegates. He has a very personal involvement with the main property developments taking place in the borough. These include the largest single-storey building in the South of England, to be constructed on an industrial estate; the exciting Victoria shopping project; and the revitalization of the Pantiles shopping street.

"Last week," said Mr Stone, "I had a meeting with Pantiles traders who were anxious about some aspects of the scheme, and with the developer, in order to establish better relations. I also met someone from English Heritage, to discuss their reservations with regard to one or two of our ideas."

Asked about the role of councils today, as opposed to his personal role, Mr Stone

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The DLO Section currently employs some 250 permanent staff and has a revenue turnover of £5 millions. Landscaping work is estimated to be in excess of £1 million annually.

The person appointed will be expected to develop and maintain an effective and financially competitive contractor organisation capable of responding to the challenge of the Local Government Bill and fulfilling the Council's objectives of maintaining worthwhile job opportunities by undertaking all relevant work by means of Direct Labour.

A proven track record either in or out of Local Government, not necessarily in Horticulture, will be essential and applicants will be required to show evidence of the positive commercial management skills required to win contracts and to successfully operate under contractual conditions.

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council is a progressive West Midlands Authority, with a population of 565,000 and situated at the heart of the national motorway system offering direct links to the rest of the country.

The Recreation and Amenities Department has recently transferred to centralised modern offices at Black Country House, Round Green Road, Oldbury, Walsley, West Midlands, B68 2SF. Application Forms, Job Descriptions and further details may be had from the Director of Recreation and Amenities at this address.

Closing date for applications will be August 11th 1988. A union membership agreement is in operation. Interviewing of members of the Authority will be discontinued. This is a re-advertisement and previous candidates will be re-considered.

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We have a reputation for independence and innovation, with notable successes in the way we provide and manage our services.

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A full profile of the Health Authority, further information about the job and an application form are available from the Chairman, Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Authority, District Offices, St. Mary's Hospital, Milton Road, Portsmouth, Hants PO3 5AD. Tel Portsmouth (0705) 822351 ext 4630.

The closing date for applications is 8th August 1988.

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## SOUTH BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AUTHORITY

## DIRECTOR OF ESTATES

SALARY £26,480

Applications are invited for this post which plays a key role within the District Management Board and as part of the Authority's general management team.

The Director of Estates has a particularly significant contribution to make to the reshaping of services within South Birmingham and the realisation of a large estate with a legacy of institutional development. Emphasis is being placed on the strategic development of the estate and the major contribution that a creative approach to estate management can make to the improvement of health care services.

There is an expectation that the Director will contribute to major policy development within the framework of the District Management Board.

The Authority has well-developed programmes for the provision of better services for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped which have significant estate implications. The proposed major development to relocate the Birmingham Accident Hospital and the Sorenia Maternity Hospital on the DGH site at Selly Oak (S2m) is one of the most complex schemes currently being planned within the NHS and presents a major challenge to both General and Estate Managers.

Further details and application forms available from the District Personnel Department, South Birmingham Health Authority, Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6JF. Tel: 021 472 1345.

Informal enquiries welcomed by Mr S Dickens, District General Manager.

Closing date 8th August, 1988.

## COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

## Chief Administrative Officer

£18,384-£19,923

The Chief Administrative Officer is a third tier officer in the County Architect's Department. In the context of the changing climate within which Local Government is now having to operate, the Department is actively preparing itself and developing its options, in relation to the developments which can be expected within the next year or two. The role of the postholder is, in effect, that of a Business Manager with a major role to play in managing change within the Department.

The current postholder has obtained a senior appointment with a firm of private architects of national standing and will be leaving the Authority in September 1988.

The prime needs are the further development of systems related to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department, dealing with all the personnel issues which arise, and the leadership of the 40 administrative staff within the Department.

The Department utilises a mainframe computer system to provide management information on its level of performance. The further development of management information systems will be essential in order that the challenges brought about by legislation, the present climate within Local Government and changing needs, can be met.

You will also be responsible for the financial control of budgets and departmental systems and procedures. Information technology is already employed in these areas and it is envisaged that you will develop its use in order to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department.

You must hold a degree and/or post graduate qualification related to either Administration, Finance, Management, the Construction Industry, or its allied professions. An understanding of the architectural and building process and experience of financial, personnel and computing matters are all necessary qualities.

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Further details and an application form can be obtained from the County Architect, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ (telephone 0305-204482).

Closing date: 29 July 1988. Please quote post no. AB439X.

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Informal enquiries will be welcomed by the retiring Chief Executive, Alan Brown (0865 815330) or the County Personnel Officer, Roger Davis (0865 815262).

Application forms and further details available from the County Personnel Officer, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND, telephone 0865 815262. Closing date 12.8.88.

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£27,576-£30,339

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Closing date - Friday, 12th August 1988.

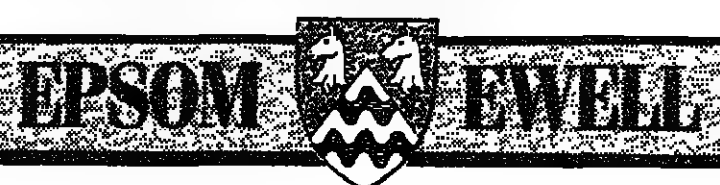
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Telephone: (0271) 47099

Closing Date: 31st August 1988

Interview Date: 9th September 1988

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## LEGAL &amp; FINANCIAL

## Old-fashioned courting is best



Edward Fennell on the wooing ways of the law's ambitious 'lonely hearts' and the forthcoming European trade marriage

A few weeks ago I made a vow to myself. It was in the early hours of the morning after I'd had a heavy session writing about the mergers. I knew that like so many other legal and financial writers I was becoming addicted to the subject. If I did not stop soon, I would rapidly slide into a perpetual reverie about "Great Mergers of Our Time". Or, even worse, start inventing "Dream Mergers" between, say, Freshfields and Tottenham Hotspur or Arthur Young and the Tiller Girls.

Just when I thought I had got my little problem under control, I got hooked again while reading extracts from Chrysler boss Lee Iacocca's book, *Talking Straight*. As you probably know, *Talking Straight* is much concerned with the business of mergers and takeovers by big corporations, but quite a lot of it seems relevant to professional firms as well.

For example, Mr Iacocca commented that "because of all the bad mergers, good mergers are becoming impossible". And he also recommended that merging firms ought to "do the courting the old-fashioned way".

Well, those seem pretty good principles. These days "small" is no longer beautiful. In fact, small is considered pretty embarrassing. Hence the headlong rush into bad or irrelevant mergers — what I call mis-mergers.

But there are still people around who are taking it slowly and doing it properly. An example seems to be the recent link-up between the Birmingham law firm of Needham & James and the five-partner London outfit of Byatt Michau & Smart.

As it happens, Byatt Michau & Smart was formed only in 1984, but the partners saw themselves from the start as aiming to become a big firm. Last year, however, they realized that the only realistic way to do this was by merging, and they spread the word through a kind of merger-dating agency that they were keen to meet interested parties.

To its credit, Byatt Michau & Smart did not rush into anything. In fact, it decided that it did not fancy any of the first group of suitors. These were mostly similar-size London firms from the

Lonely Hearts Column... "Small but affectionate central London firm, non-smoker, own premises, seeks similar to share active, fun-loving relationship (maybe merger). Send photo."

That was not what Byatt's wanted. It wanted to get into a much bigger league. Byatt's Harry Tiesman commented: "We rejected all our original candidates, but we got on well at once with the two partners from Needham & James. We had highly complementary practices."

What makes the story interesting is the Needham & James perspective. From the start it wanted a London link-up, but rejected the idea of a one-man-and-a-dog operation. As one of the big players on the Birmingham scene, it had clear ambitions to become a national partnership. Unlike its neighbour Eversheds, however, which has recently set up an association of big provincial firms, Needham & James has bitten on the bullet and gone for London, arguing that to be taken seriously a significant presence in the capital is necessary.

And projecting forward (although it denies having any specific long-term plans) it is contemplating other big provincial firms joining the network and linking into its new London hub.

So the reality of having a City office is clearly important. Though most big provincial firms these days report their success at winning back clients from the big London firms, it may be that the wheel of fortune is again about to turn.

The prospect of the 1992 European Single Market is gaining a grip on lawyers' imaginations. The chances are that clients too will be looking for a more overtly international service. Likewise, potential clients on the Continent will look first to London for legal advice.

The prospects are therefore that the pendulum could swing back to London again in the 1990s, leaving the purely provincial firms isolated.

"I think it is essential for a firm like ours to have a London office," said Andrew Lefever of Pinsent's, another of these go-getting Birmingham firms. Consequently, last autumn, Pinsent's did indeed open a one-man-and-a-dog office in Bishopsgate, deciding that it wanted to

build up a London practice for itself. Within the space of a few months, that office has expanded to become a two-men-and-a-fax operation. And what Mr Lefever has discovered, most gratifyingly, is that European work has already come to the firm which it would not have got without its London office.

Like Needham & James, it is now intent on building up London so that by 1992 it will be ready to take up the challenge of European harmonization. By remaining in Birmingham it would never get a shot at that kind of action.

So the message for all you potential mergerists is "Think International". Ask yourselves how your potential merger will work in that context. And if you want help in answering that question, consider having a chat with Eduardo Romero, managing partner of Bomchil Castro Goodrich Claro Arosemena Rodrigo Romero & Associates.

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But whatever you do, do not forget the advice of William Hazlitt, who warned of the dangers of failed relationships. "Constant intercourse and familiarity breed weariness and contempt. One is too wise, another too foolish for us... and we wonder we did not find this out before."

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## Law Report July 19 1988 House of Lords

## Contractor not liable for bad sub-contract work

D. & F. Estates Ltd and Others v Church Commissioners for England and Others

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullicettle (Speeches July 14)

Where plaster had been incorrectly applied to the walls and ceilings of a flat by sub-contract plasterers so that it became loose and liable to fall, the main contractors were not liable to the lessees and occupiers of the flat in negligence for the loss incurred by them in removing the plaster-work.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, D. & F. Estates Ltd, Mr Melvin Richard Tillman and Mrs Malka Tillman, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Gidwell and Sir Rouseley Cumming-Scece) (17 June 1987) who had allowed an appeal by the third defendants, Wates Ltd, from Judge Eyr Lewis, QC, official referee.

Mr Richard Fernyhough, QC and Mr Robert Glancy for the plaintiffs, Mr Donald Keating, QC and Mr Richard Seymour for Wates.

LORD BRIDGE said that Wates had been the main contractors for a block of flats, Chelwood House, Gloucester Square, Paddington, London, completed in October 1965. On October 15, the owners, the Church Commissioners, had granted a lease of flat 37 to D. & F. Estates. D. & F. was controlled by Mr and Mrs Tillman, who had occupied the flat.

In August 1980, while they had been on holiday and the flat was being redecorated, the decorators had discovered that the plaster on certain ceilings and one wall was loose: some of it had fallen down. All the loose plaster had been backed off and replastered and redecorated at a cost of £10,676.

The present action had been commenced in December 1980 with claims by D. & F. in respect of that damage and by Mr and Mrs Tillman in respect of disturbance while the repairs were done.

Subsequently, further defective plaster had been discovered, and at trial the damages claimed by D. & F. had included the estimated cost of further remedial work and prospective loss of rent while it was carried out.

The plaster-work at Chelwood House had been carried out by a firm of sub-contractors (not defendants to the action) employed by Wates. The judge had found that the plaster had been defective because the sub-contractors had failed to follow the manufacturers' instructions. They had not exercised due care.

He had held that Wates could not be held liable to the plaintiffs merely because the sub-contractors had not done their work properly, but he had found that Wates ought to have known that the sub-contractors were

not following the manufacturers' instructions and concluded that they had been in breach of their duty to provide adequate and proper supervision of the plastering work and were liable in negligence to the plaintiffs for that breach. He had awarded D. & F. £10,676 for the cost of the remedial work and £24,000 for loss of rent while those works were carried out. He had awarded Mr and Mrs Tillman £500 each for loss of amenity in 1980.

The Court of Appeal had reversed the judge primarily on the ground that Wates, having employed competent sub-contractors to carry out the plastering work, had owed no further duty of care to the plaintiffs in relation to its execution.

The Court of Appeal had also considered a submission by Wates that the plastering work, even if the plaster-work had been done by their own employees, was not damage that D. & F. could recover in tort since it represented pure economic loss.

His Lordship referred to *Donoghue v Stevenson* (1932) AC 582, *Dutton v Bognor Regis Urban District Council* (1972) 1 QB 373, *Bowen v Paramount Builders (Hamilton) Ltd* (1977) 1 NZLR 394, *Ann v Merton London Borough Council* (1978) AC 728, *Batty v Metropolitan Property Realizations Ltd* (1978) QB 554, *Junior Books Ltd v Veitchi Co Ltd* (1983) 1 AC 520, *East River Steamship Corporation v Transamerica Delaval Inc* (1986) 106 SC 2295 and *Rivnaw Marine Ltd v Washington Iron Works* (1973) 6 WWR 692.

The authorities, it seemed to him, spoke with such an uncertain voice on the question whether the cost of making good the defective plaster in the instant case was irrecoverable that, no matter how searching the analysis to which they were subjected, they yielded no clear and conclusive answer.

It was more profitable to examine the issue in the light of first principles.

If a hidden defect in a chattel was the cause of personal injury or damage to property other than the chattel itself, the manufacturer was liable under the *Donoghue v Stevenson* principle of duty of care to one's neighbour.

If, however, the hidden defect was discovered before any such damage was caused, there was no longer any room for the application of that principle.

The chattel was now defective in quality, but it was no longer dangerous. It might be valueless or capable of economic repair. In either case, the economic loss was recoverable in contract by a buyer or hirer entitled to the benefit of a relevant warranty of quality but was not recoverable in tort by a remote buyer or hirer.

If the same principle applied in the field of real property to the liability of the builder of a permanent structure that was dangerously defective, that liability could only arise if the defect remained hidden until the defective structure caused personal injury or damage to property other than the structure itself.

If the defect was discovered before any damage had been done, the loss sustained by the owner of the structure, who had to repair or demolish it to avoid a potential source of danger to third parties, would seem to be purely economic.

In the instant case, the only hidden defect had been in the plaster. The only item pleaded by the plaintiffs as damage to other property had been "cost of cleaning carpets and other possessions damaged or dirtied by falling plaster, £50".

Once it had appeared that the plaster was loose, any danger of personal injury or of further injury to other property could have been simply avoided by its timely removal.

The cost of replacing it, either in 1980 or subsequently, had not been an item for which Wates could possibly be made liable in negligence under the principle in *Donoghue v Stevenson* or any legitimate development of that principle.

To make them so liable would be to impose on them for the benefit of those with whom they had had no contractual relationship the obligation of one who warranted the quality of the plaster as regarded materials, workmanship and fitness for purpose.

His Lordship was glad to conclude that that was not the law, for an opposite conclusion would mean that the courts, in developing the common law, had gone much further than the legislature had been prepared to go in the Defective Premises Act 1972, after comprehensive examination of the subject by the Law Commission (Report No 40, *Civil Liability of Vendors and Lessors for Defective Premises* December 15, 1970), in making builders liable for defects in the quality of their work to all who subsequently acquired interests in buildings that they had erected.

The statutory duty imposed by the 1972 Act, which did not, of course, operate retrospectively, was confined to dwelling-houses and limited to defects appearing within six years. The common law duty, if it existed, could not be so confined. Consumer protection was an area of law where legislation was much better left to the legislature.

Turning to the main ground relied on by the Court of Appeal, it was true law that the employer of an independent contractor was, in general, not liable for the negligence or other torts committed by the contractor in the course of the execution of the work.

There were certain well-established exceptions or apparent

exceptions to that general rule, but the instant case could not be accommodated within any of the recognized and established categories by which the exceptions were classified.

If Wates were to be held liable for the negligent workmanship of their sub-contractors (assumed for that purpose to have resulted in dangerously defective work), it had first to be shown that in the circumstances they had assumed a personal duty to all the world to ensure that Chelwood House should be free of dangerous effects.

That had been the judge's assumption in saying that the duty of care was not delegable.

The plaintiffs had submitted that that non-delegable duty was a duty undertaken by any main contractor in the building industry who contracted to erect an entire building.

His Lordship could not agree because he could not recognize any legal principle to which such an assumption of duty could be related.

Just as one might employ a building contractor to build one's house, so might the contractor, subject to the terms of his contract, employ another to undertake part of the work.

If the mere fact of employing a contractor to undertake building work automatically involved the assumption by the employer of a duty of care to any person who might be injured by a dangerous defect in the work caused by the contractor's negligence, that would lead to absurd results.

If the fact of employing a contractor did not involve the assumption of any such duty by the employer, then one who had himself contracted to erect a building assumed no such liability when he employed an apparently competent independent sub-contractor to carry out part of the work for him.

The main contractor might, in the interests of the proper discharge of his own contractual obligations, exercise a greater or lesser degree of supervision over the sub-contractor's work.

If in the course thereof he in fact came to know that the sub-contractor's work was being done in a defective and foreseeably dangerous way, and if he condoned that negligence on the sub-contractor's part, he could no doubt make himself potentially liable for the consequences as a joint tortfeasor.

The judge had, however, made no finding against Wates of actual knowledge, and his finding that they "ought to have known" what the manufacturers' instructions were had depended on and been vitiated by his earlier misdirection that Wates had owed a duty of care to future lessees of flats in relation to their sub-contractor's work.

In *Mount Albert Borough Council v Johnson* ([1979] 2 NZLR 224) the New Zealand Court of Appeal had held that it was the duty of a development

company to see that proper care and skill were exercised in the building of the houses and that that duty could not be avoided by delegation to an independent contractor.

As a matter of social policy that conclusion might be entirely admirable. Indeed, it corresponded almost precisely to the policy underlying the Law Commission's recommendations in paragraph 26 of their report, which had been implemented by section 1(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act.

As a matter of legal principle, however, his Lordship could discover no basis on which it was open to the court to embody that principle in the law without the assistance of the legislature, and it was again, in his opinion, a dangerous course for the common law to embark on the exposition of novel policies that it saw as instruments of social justice but to which, unlike the legislature, it was unable to set carefully defined limitations.

His Lordship concluded that Wates had been under no liability to the plaintiffs for damage attributable to their sub-contractors' negligence: in any event, such damage could not have included the cost of renewing the plaster.

LORD OLIVER, agreeing, said that the underlying logical basis for and the boundaries of the doctrine emerging from *Ann v Merton London Borough Council* were not entirely clear to him. It was unnecessary for the purposes of the instant appeal to attempt a definitive exposition.

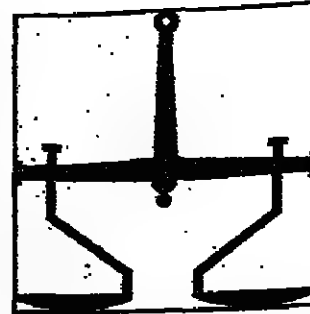
It at least seemed clear that, in so far as the case was authority for the proposition that a builder responsible for the construction of a building was liable in tort at common law for damage occurring through his negligence to the very thing that he had constructed, such liability was limited directly to cases where the defect threatened the health or safety of occupants or of third parties and (possibly) other property.

In such a case, however, the damages recoverable were limited to expenses necessarily incurred in averting that danger. *Ann* could not properly be adapted to support the recovery of damages for pure economic loss going beyond that, and such loss was not in principle recoverable in tort unless the case could be brought within the principle of reliance established by *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* ([1964] AC 465).

In the instant case, the defective plaster had caused no damage to the remainder of the building, and in so far as it had presented a risk of damage to other property or to any occupant that had been remediable simply by removing it.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, LORD ACKNER and LORD JAUNCEY agreed with Lord Bridge and Lord Oliver. Solicitors: Mishcon de Reys, Mazon.

## Danger: sentencing free-for-all ahead



## LEGAL BRIEF

Richard Gordon is concerned by new moves to allow appeal against 'soft' sentences

this type of extended statutory remit met with a degree of judicial and academic disavowal.

Whether, in the end, clause 35 will please anyone remains to be seen. It is confined to proceedings in the Crown Court and, currently, only covers offences triable on indictment, though this category may be extended by the Home Secretary.

The envisaged procedure is that the Attorney-General will have 28 days from sentence to give notice of his application to seek leave to refer. He may seek leave if it appears to him that the sentencing has been manifestly lenient. On a reference the Court of Appeal may quash the original sentence and substitute another as they think appropriate, provided that the Crown Court has power to pass it.

There are three areas of potential concern. The clearest danger is that liaison between the prosecution (armed with all the detail of an individual case) and the Attorney-General will prove difficult to achieve systematically within the short time allowed. In practice matters will have to be brought to the Attorney's attention well before the stipulated 28 days so that a considered decision may be taken on whether to seek leave to refer.

This practical difficulty is aggravated by the ambiguous scope of "manifestly lenient" sentencing. The filter of the Attorney-General suggests

that only extreme cases are anticipated. However this is unclear, and clause 35 contains the seeds of an arguably wider jurisdiction. Different prosecuting authorities may select widely disparate criteria for evaluating undue leniency, with consequent detriment to the process of effective liaison and even-handed references.

There is, finally, the possibility of disagreement between prosecution and Attorney-General over which cases to refer. Since there is likely to be greater impetus for referrals from the Crown Prosecution Service (being more directly involved), there is a strong argument for allowing the prosecution direct access to the courts with a judicial rather than executive filter to weed out unsuitable applications.

As a procedural model the judicial review machinery for mounting legal challenges to excess of power by public bodies meets the above objectives: there is a reasonably generous time limit (usually three months), liberal rules governing the category of applicants, that may invoke the remedy, and a preliminary requirement of leave obtainable from a single High Court judge on a "paper" application.

Moreover, the bases upon which review may be sought are tolerably precise. In the sentencing context judicial review is already available (though not in matters relating to trial on indictment) where a sentence so exceeds a court's ambit of discretion as to constitute an error of law.

The Government could profitably have incorporated the above features into a statutory review procedure, enabling the prosecution in certain very limited situations (and with adequate time for consideration) to seek leave to have a particular sentence reviewed by the Court of Appeal.

By failing to restrict undue leniency to a necessary error of law, and by opting for a form of review procedure, there is now a real danger of an uncoordinated free-for-all as the ground rules of the new system are sought to be established. The result, initially at least, could be bedlam.

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Mick Cleary on the game that is beaming in every long and short corner of the land

# Hockey field day that never ends

Hockey is in rather a curious position: it is successful, prosperous, entertaining and clean from scandal. And there are not many sports you can say that about these days.

Of course, the game in Britain has always been renowned for its jovial, ruddy-cheeked sense of fair play, where the tea and tumbler in the ramshackle clubhouse were as much part of the day's events as the thrashing of sticks on the field.

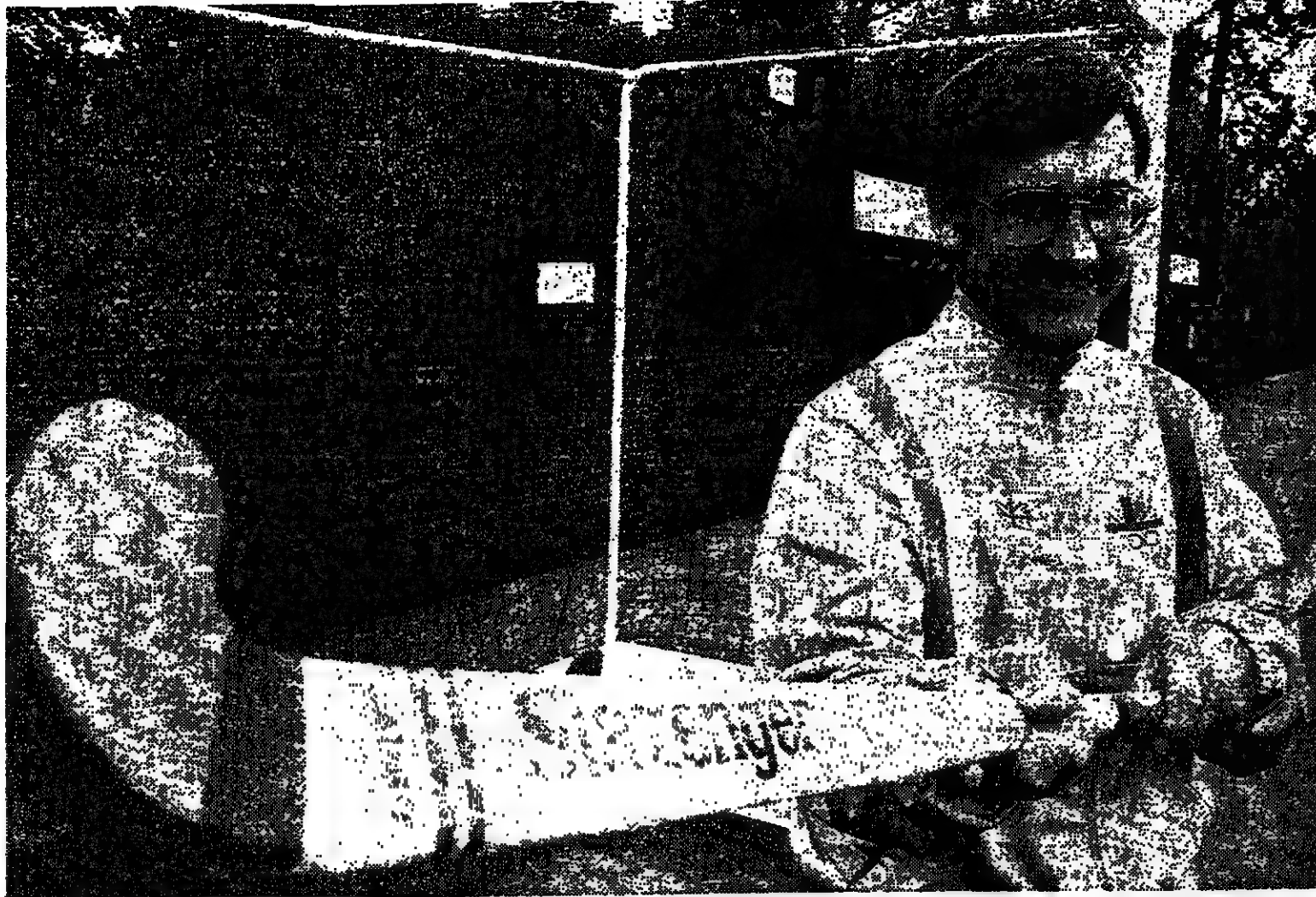
However, Britain's winning the bronze medal in the Los Angeles Olympics catapulted the sport into a new era in this country as it was beamed into the nation's living rooms for the first time. That it has embraced the higher profile with good grace and sustained its sense of conviviality owes much to its steadfast, down-to-earth, sympathetic management. Britain have sustained their run of success and entered the Olympics as the second seeds.

Roger Self, aged 49, urbane and assured, has been in control of the British side since 1978, ably supported in recent years by his coach, David Whitaker, and assistant manager, Bernie Cotton, both former internationals. All three have been delighted with the flourishing of the game.

But there is always a flipside to any success story. "The pressures and demands on the players nowadays are far greater," Self explains, "both in terms of the amount of time needed for training as well as the expectations of doing well. We were completely anonymous and unheralded going into Los Angeles as we only qualified at the last minute when the Russians pulled out. This time we're among the favourites for gold, so the problem will be one of quelling nerves and the fear of failure."

Self is far more familiar with the difficulties for amateur sportsmen in trying to hold down a full-time job while competing at the highest level. He is *au fait* with the situation, for he himself has to do it. Admittedly, the pressure is eased when you are director of your own company and can write the checks yourself, but Self has never undervalued the commitment made to the cause by players.

"In many ways they are our best sponsors," he says, "and if only I



Control stick: Whitaker breaks out in a jolly hockey smile as he steers Britain towards further Olympic honours (Photograph: Beresford Hodge)

could take out a page in a newspaper to thank them all I would. A lot of our guys have demanding jobs to contend with — Richard Dodds, the captain, is a surgeon, Paul Barber a quantity surveyor, driving half the length of London to sites, while John Potter is a high-ranking executive — yet, even so, they still put in their time on the training field."

There has been a lot of that these past few months, with tournaments in Barcelona, Lahore and Malaysia, where Britain were victorious, plus regular sessions at Bisham Abbey. All the players have followed individual fitness programmes and have been tested at the British

Olympic Monitoring Centre at Northwick Park. It is a meticulous operation geared to ensuring that they all arrive at peak fitness in Seoul.

"Fitness is crucial in hockey," Whitaker explains, "especially since the offside law changed last year to incorporate just the last 25 yards of the pitch. Before then we could close the game down to the halfway line. The game is now much wider ranging."

In Los Angeles we were told by independent physiologists that hockey was one of the most demanding of sports for several reasons: the unyielding nature of the artificial

surface, the ball actually being in play for about 45 minutes of the 70 minutes' playing time, the constant twisting and turning and the crouched running style. That's why some of our guys — Richard Dodds or Sean Keen, for example — have such fantastic aerobic and explosive capacities, ranking with the top athletes."

Whitaker, along with Cotton, has been seconded from the Hockey Association, where they are full-time administrators. There are seven in all, compared to three before 1984. All three men cite Los Angeles as the main watershed in the sport. Even a diehard football

school like Winchester requested coaching assistance after the last Olympics, such was the clamour for the sport among the boys.

A more pertinent and lasting yardstick of the sport's boom is the £1 million which has just been invested in it, courtesy of Poundstretcher, Lada, Nationwide Anglia and Minster. Most of the money will fund the development of the sport by its more artificial surfaces or promoting it at youth level. And if all this should be followed by success in Seoul, then maybe a few more schools will be on the phone asking for coaching assistance.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Britain must take tour lessons into the next cup series

By Keith Macklin

Within the space of 90 minutes the world of rugby league was turned on its head as Australia did mental cartwheels to explain the inexplicable.

Australia versus Great Britain at Sydney on July 9, 1988, will go down in British rugby league history alongside the famous watershed games of 1914 and 1955 when traditional British players defied the odds.

Although Sunday's defeat by New Zealand in muddy Christchurch proved an anti-climax to the World Cup campaign, nothing can take away the long-term importance of the final Sydney victory when the Lions turned the tide after 10 years of humiliation. The 26-12 win could not prevent Australia from taking another series 2-1, but such was the complexity of the victory, and the skill and spirit of the British performance, that a genuine light appeared at the end of a long, long tunnel.

Things had gone badly even before the tour, with Hampshire, Goodway, Lyons and Drummond ruled out for various reasons. Great Britain arrived at Sydney with a squad battered by injuries and treated with contempt by the Australians.

The tour began in May with a World Cup triumph against Papua New Guinea despite the brooding heat of Port Moresby, and the injury loss of Shaun Edwards, yet another front line player. There was a comfortable win at Lae, and then a big victory against North Queensland, but then the party suffered their first defeat, by five tries to two against Northern Division. For the first time it was realized that the second string players would be hard pressed to hold their own in the English first division.

Worse followed with a 30-0 defeat against Manly-Warringah a few days before the first international at Sydney. However, in the first half the Lions tore into the Australians with such ferocity that they led 6-0 at half-time with a Hanley try and a goal from Longbridge. The strong cohesiveness of British supporters were ecstatic, but the joy was short-lived and Sefton, despite an arm injury, and Lewis rallied Australia to win 17-6.

This reversed respect from Australia, however, a sickness, a state of injuries, plus some

### Final demands

The narrow Great Britain defeat by New Zealand last Sunday, which brought with it dismissal from the World Cup final, could cause a disaster for English clubs next October. English clubs have strong contingents of Australian and New Zealand players, and these will be required for squad training and for the final of the World Cup, which will take place in October in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Among the worst of them would be Wigan, who have four New Zealanders in their squad. The two brothers, Bell and Sheldrake, and St Helens who have signed O'Connor and Meninga, the two top Australians.

unconvincing Queensland up-country matches drained away the confidence of the test and Melbourne, Reilly, the coach, Schofield, Platt, Dixon and Crooks received or aggravated injuries and forced the management to send for replacements. Worse, Great Britain are hampered in the second international at Launceston, Brisbane, after a performance of such shoddy ill-discipline and tactical ineptitude that Reilly was reduced to despair. When July 9 dawned on one, least of all members of the British party, anticipated what would happen in the sunshine.

With luck on Sunday, and a better deal from the Australian referee, the Lions could have made the World Cup final. Yet the disappointment of defeat is tempered by Great Britain knowing — as Les Bettinson, the manager, emphasised — that they can once again compete with Australia and can play now in the 1990 series in New Zealand. Britain provided the lessons of 1988 are not forgotten.

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# RACING: TRAINER'S SON BACK ON DERBY RUNNER-UP FOR SATURDAY'S KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES

## Belmoredean to boost Mtoto camp

A glance at the runners for tonight's Barbeton Maiden Stakes at Folkestone, worth only £250 to the winner, will show just how hard it is in this ultra-competitive age for the small trainer to win a race of any description.

With Messrs Cecil, Stone, Harwood, Dunlop, Hills and Stewart each fielding a fancied runner for such a modest prize, it is little wonder that stables with less ammunition are struggling to survive.

Two of the six runners from these high-powered yards - Alderney (Barry Hills) and Buddy (Guy Harwood) - were so well-regarded by connections at one stage that they were entered for the Derby.

Their mere presence here suggests that, for whatever reason, they have been very disappointing to date. Nonetheless, I would expect both to be winning shortly, although on this occasion my preference is for Belmoredean, who represents the Mtoto

partnership of Alec Stewart and Michael Roberts. By Be My Guest out of the Busted mare Hanna Alta, Belmoredean has improved with each of his three races, finishing third to Doyoun at Newmarket as a juvenile before running third to Validate at Beverley in the spring and second to High Altar at Doncaster last month.

Like many of Busted's descendants, Belmoredean may not fulfil his true potential until he is four, but in anticipation of further improvement, the Clapham gelding is fancied to take care of this strong field.

Reg Akhurst saddles Animal Actor, who would have to show vast improvement to be concerned in the finish of the maiden, but the Epsom trainer provides my idea of the day's best bet half an hour earlier when Laughing Home contests the Kent Boys Clubs Fillies Handicap.

Laughing Home ran her best race to date at Lingfield



Reg Akhurst has found good opening for Laughing Home (7.50 Folkestone)

nine days ago when third behind the Peter Walwyn-trained Hamelin and Lincoln third Miss Cuddles in an all-aged handicap and reverts to her own age group here.

The form of that Lingfield contest has already been franked by Inspired Love (sixth), who subsequently failed by only a neck to catch School Concert at Yarmouth on Thursday, and by Coldwater Canyon (fourth),

who chased home Aradu in a 14-runner handicap at Lingfield on Saturday.

Inspired Love, three lengths behind my selection at Lingfield, re-appears here on 4lb worse terms and looks safely held.

Laughing Home had earlier finished sixth to another Walwyn handicapper, Mihmaz, at Epsom where another of today's rivals, Spanish Heart, finished second, seven lengths ahead.

My selection has a 10lb pull in the weights, which strictly on the book should not be enough to reverse the form. However, Laughing Home was making her reappearance at Epsom whereas Spanish Heart was having her third outing; in addition, she built from a stable not in the best of form at present.

At Pontefract, in-form Newmarket trainer Willie Hastings-Bass mounts a two-horse raid and should land a double via Sunshine Coast (2.45) and Male Train (4.15). Sunshine Coast ran well to

finish fourth behind Masarah on her reappearance at Lingfield nine days ago before trampling on Ray Cochrane while Mule Train divided subsequent good winners Paddy Chalk and Lucky Crystal at Epsom on Oaks day.

Another trainer with double prospects this afternoon is David Chapman, currently enjoying his best spell since Sob's heyday, who can score with Kabcast (3.45 Pontefract) and Glencroft (4.30 Ayr).

However, my principal fancy at the Scottish track is Jannique, representing last year's winning combination of Peter Easterby and Mark Birch in the Starchildie Stakes.

A narrow winner over Raddy Lucky at the course a month ago, the Jalmood colt appears to have more scope than the four other previous winners he encounters here.

**Blinkered first time**  
Ayr, 3.30: Temp. 70.0, wind 4.0, rain 0.0. FOLKESTONE 6.55 Always Great, 7.50 Concorde, 8.20 Lord Grady.

## Challenge series draws big entry

By John Dorman

The Sport of Kings Challenge, officially launched at Cheltenham yesterday, has attracted an entry of 122.

The international hurdle series, comprising four 2½-mile races, to be run at Nashville (Tennessee), Callaway Gardens (Georgia), Leopardstown and Cheltenham itself.

The series, which links races on both sides of the Atlantic for the first time, begins at Nashville on October 14. The Cheltenham race, sponsored by Mercury Communications, is on December 10.

In addition to a prize-money fund of \$250,000 spread over the four races, there is a series prize fund of a further \$250,000, with \$100,000 going to the winner. If one horse wins all four races the winning owner will receive an additional \$500,000.

A total of 56 trainers have made entries including American names including John Sheppard, trainer of Flatliner.

David Nicholson heads the English entry with six runners including Iron Gray, Black Mountain, Callaway Right, Martin Pipe has five, and Josh Gifford and Nicky Henderson two each.

Edward Gillespie, Cheltenham's general manager, said: "The idea is to promote international jump racing and there is no reason why the concept can't get bigger. We hope to attract French horses in future and possibly horses from Australia and New Zealand as well."

## Hills regains ride on Glacial Storm

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Barry Hills announced in Kneeland, Kentucky, yesterday that his son Michael would be back on board Glacial Storm in Saturday's keenly-anticipated King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

Michael Hills, aged 25, excelled himself when riding Glacial Storm into second place behind Kahyasi in the Epsom Derby but was replaced by Steve Cauthen when Robert Sangster's three-year-old finished third behind the same horse in the Irish equivalent at the Curragh.

Hills was engaged as contract rider for his father at Manton this season with the proviso that Sangster would be engaged Cauthen or Pat Eddery for group one races.

On Saturday Eddery will be on board Tony Bin and Cauthen has elected to partner John Dunlop's Hardwicke Stakes winner, Almaraz, as Triptych, third in 1986 and 1987, will be missing from the line-up.

Welcoming the news at Ayr, Hills said: "I shall be glad to be back on Glacial Storm. I haven't ridden the horse since before the Irish Derby, but he's very well. He's a lazy individual but he went well on Saturday."

Beaten only 1½ lengths at Epsom, Glacial Storm was a further length adrift at the Curragh. "I still feel he ran a really good race that day," Hills continued, "but the more rain we have the better. If it's soft on Saturday we'll have a great chance. He hasn't yet had the underfoot conditions he needs."

Mtoto remains a firm favourite at 8-1, while Corals, who offer Glacial Storm at 8-1. But Tony Bin continues to be the punter's choice as last season's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe runner-up attempts to become the first Italian trained winner of the King George since Ribot in 1956.

Tony Bin has been in tremendous form this season, having won all his three starts including the Grand Prix de Milan. Corals first offered the five-year-old at 10-1 last week. "He

## Ascot going good to soft

Ascot's clerk of the course, Nicholas Beaumont, yesterday reported drying ground at the Berkshire course.

Contrary to some reports, Ascot had 0.61 inches of rain on Saturday, not 1.61. The current going is good to soft.

seems to be the only one they're interested in at present," Wally Pyrah, of Corals, said yesterday. "He was heavily backed at 8-1 on Saturday and again at 7-1 and 6-1 today. He'll be 5-1 in the morning."

The Italian raider is also the personal fancy of Maurice Zilber. The legendary French trainer, who won the great race in successive seasons, 1973 and 1974, with Dahlia, is running his Irish Oaks third Silver Lane. "She has only a sporadic cack-chance," he said yesterday. "She's not in the same league as Dahlia."

"If it's fast going, Mtoto will probably win, but in any other conditions it must be Tony Bin. He's a really good horse and the one we all have to beat."

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### Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Welsh Stren.  
3.00 M. J. J.  
3.30 Jalmique.  
4.00 Strong Language.  
4.30 Glencroft.  
5.00 My Pal Popeye.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 —  
3.00 —  
3.30 Sharp Justice.  
4.00 Strong Language.  
4.30 No Jazz.  
5.00 Santella Jack.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 BELLA ROSSI.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

102 (12) 8-4022 GROW TIMES 74 (20.00) F. J. (20.00) D. Robinson B. Hill 8-10-0 W. West (8) 86  
Recent winner. Draw in brackets. Shaggy Breeze - best in form. U. - untried runner. B. - brought down. S. - slipped by. H. - heavy. G. - good. D. - disqualified. H. - horse's name. Days since last going. J. - jumps. S. - set. D. - disallows. W. - wins. M. - mares. C. - course and. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### Going: good to soft

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CYCLING: SPAIN AGAIN SCORCHES AHEAD AS THE TAR MELTS ON A TOUR IN WHICH ONLY THE FITTEST SURVIVE

# Punctured dreams strew the stage

From John Wilcockson  
Luz-Ardiden

Spanish cycling has rarely enjoyed as successful a day in the Tour de France as yesterday. Pedro Delgado again tightened his grip on the yellow jersey, extending his lead to four minutes over Steven Rooks, of The Netherlands. And Delgado's young compatriot, Laudelino Cubino, won the brutal six-day mountain stage from St Girons to this 6,000ft ski resort in the High Pyrenees.

It was a wonderfully dramatic stage played out over almost seven hours on a day of sparkling sunshine. To add to the difficulties of climbing six mountain passes, tar was melting on the narrow, winding roads. And only the strongest survived.

Among those who gave up were the pre-race favourites, Jean-François Bernard, Urs Zimmermann and Chazy Motter. Each of them rode to their limit but could not face further humiliation when they were left far behind by their former rivals.

Another, Sean Kelly, battled through to the end, forcing his battered body through the 15,000 feet of climbing in the day. Kelly has been receiving painkillers for bruising of his lower back, the result of his crash at Poutarlier last Wednesday.

The illusions of many others were shattered, including the two stars of the American team 7-Eleven, Andy Hampsten and Raul Alcalá. Hampsten appeared poised to make an attack from the Delgado group on the final climb when his legs suddenly did not reply to his wishes. He lost seven minutes to the race leader in the final six miles.

With Alcalá, who lost more



Battled rain: Delgado, the reigning yellow jersey from Spain, is cooled off by a spectator while riding with Rooks (left), Thernisse and Herrera

than double this amount, Hampsten sat for many long minutes after the finish, staring into the bubbling mountain stream, alone with his thoughts and with tears in his eyes.

Another rider with his dreams in tatters was Robert Millar. The stage had begun well for him when he joined a

breakaway group of three on the steep slopes of the day's second climb, the Col de Mente-Mouris, where he scored maximum points to consolidate his second place in the King of the Mountains competition.

Millar continued his effort with the French champion, Eric Carrière, and Samuel

Cabrera, of Colombia. They gained more than two minutes before the first feeding station at Luchon, after 47 miles, but a steady chase by the PDM team of the King of the Mountains leader, Rooks, closed the gap just before the top of the third climb, the Col de Peyresourde.

Millar was only eleven

over this summit. It was on the long, rapid descent of the Peyresourde that Cubino, aged 25, began the effort that earned him a well-deserved stage victory 60 miles later.

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# Ballesteros reaches new heights

By Mitchell Platts  
Golf Correspondent

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday won the 117th Open at Royal Lytham and St Anne's with arguably the finest last round in the history of the championship.

Even the Spaniard, clutching the silver claret jug for the third time in his career, said: "You can only hope for a round like that once every 25, maybe 50 years. So far it is the best round of my life. I played as good as you can hope to play this game."

He had compiled a 65, which, from the moment he set off through the chip from the edge of the 18th green which kissed the hole, produced great theatre for the thousands who stayed to see this championship run the full distance over an extra day.

In statistical terms Ballesteros's round equaled the lowest score in an Open at Lytham and matched the 65 which Tom Watson recorded to overcome Jack Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977.

More importantly, Ballesteros was compelled to collect six birdies and one eagle — completing six holes from the sixth in six under par — to move past the resilient Nick Price of Zimbabwe.

That alone highlights the heights to which Ballesteros lifted his game as he came from two strokes behind at the start to win the fifth major championship of his career with a final aggregate of 273, which is 11 under par.

For Price, who in 1982 at Royal Troon presented the Open to Watson by dropping four shots over the last six holes, refused this time to allow the occasion to interfere with his game plan.

Ballesteros said: "Nick really played like a champion: it is a pity there can only be one winner. He played fantastic: I was just a little luckier."

In some circumstances that could be interpreted as the kind of patronising praise that a champion can afford to shower on the man whom he has beaten. Yet millions of armchair spectators will know differently.

Price said: "This was a new Seve out there today. He came out of his shell. He was a gentleman and we had a lot of fun from the very start. There's nothing better than to be able to play the standard of



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Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	205	3	10	334	4
2	437	4	11	542	5
3	457	4	12	198	3
4	303	3	13	182	3
5	212	3	14	445	4
6	450	5	15	453	5
7	168	3	16	557	6
8	394	4	17	482	4
9	184	3	18	412	4
Out 3,202 35			In 3,585 36		
Total yardage: 6,887			Par 71		

## BEST OF THE DAY

S BALLESTEROS (65)

Out: 3-4-4 4-3-4 3-3-3= 31

In: 3-4-4 3-5-4 3-4-4= 34

● Bold denotes scores better than par

● Italics denotes scores worse than par

golf which we did. Seve simply played better than I did."

For Ballesteros, whose winning aggregate set a new record for Lytham as well as improving by 10 shots his score in 1979, when he won his first Open, victory ended the most unproductive chapter in his life.

"I have been very worried ever since I hit my second shot into the water at the 15th in 1986 to lose the Masters at Augusta," he said. "Now, at last, I can forget that moment. It can go to the back of my mind."

Ballesteros matched the birdie which Price made at the sixth but he achieved much more by holing from 10 feet for an eagle at the seventh. There Price had struck his approach to within four feet and he was surely thinking of stretching his lead to two shots again.

Instead he moved onto the next with only the one shot in hand and that disappeared when Ballesteros holed from 18 feet. Ballesteros, out in 31 to Price's 33, was outside his opponent once again on the 10th green. Even so, he holed from 18 feet and Price did well to follow him in from 10 feet.

Ballesteros went ahead for the first time when he holed from 22 feet at the next. The putter, possibly the most unpredictable club in Ballesteros's bag now that his driving is so consistent, was behaving itself.

Afterwards he would reveal: "My putter, my three wood, my driver, my sand wedge and my clothes are all the same as they were when I first won here — I'm just nine years older."

Ballesteros, whose super-

stition is reflected by the blue sweater which he has always worn on the last round of an Open since 1979, had also returned to using a professional caddy, Ian Wright, instead of one of his brothers.

The 13th and the 16th holes were to decide the issue. Price almost holed his second shot to the 13th, having to tap the ball in from a couple of inches, but Ballesteros matched that birdie by holing from 12 feet. At the 16th it was Ballesteros's turn to apply the pressure. There, in 1979, he had, of course, hit his drive into the "car park". This time he was more conservative, staying on the straight and narrow as he had for most of the way, and his nine iron shot of 135 yards deposited the ball two inches from the hole.

Price could not follow suit and he stood on the last tee one shot behind. He had only one realistic chance and that was for Ballesteros to drive into a bunker, but it was not to be.

By then, the title which Faldo won 12 months ago had slipped from his grasp. Even so, he played well throughout to finish a creditable third following a 71, leaving him six shots behind, but Lyle faded towards the end to take 74 for a share of seventh place.

So Ballesteros was left to bring the crowd in the grandstand to their feet as he almost holed his chip at the last and to reflect on what this Open will mean.

Yet he also had an answer for that. "I am the same player, the same person as I was last week and I will be next week," he said. "It doesn't make the game any easier. It was my turn this time."

## Spaniard ends sporting drama in heroic style

By John Hennessy

After a quiet start it was like Tyson versus Bruno without the blood. Stratford-on-Avon in mime: pure, riveting, sporting drama. And Ballesteros came into his kingdom with a second successive victory at Lytham. As with the Augusta National, he must want to dig it all up and take it back to Pedreña.

This was a Homeric tour de force, a championship won in the manner of a hero with the lowest round of the week, a 65, six under par. Since Price, a Zimbabwean, stuck bravely to his man, it recalled the titanic struggle between Watson and Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977.

There were two strokes between them in the end, 273 to 275, but only because Price had no option at the last but to go boldly for a long putt. He sent it racing five feet past and missed the return, not that it mattered.

And yet it was a match, albeit in a stroke-play context, that was slow to come to the boil. So much so that at one point, on the sixth fairway, someone remarked: "It's all so low-key." To that point Ballesteros had reeled off six

par figures: Faldo was also on par for the day having answered three putts on the second with a birdie putt from five yards or so at the next; and Price was one over for the day after missing from five feet at the second.

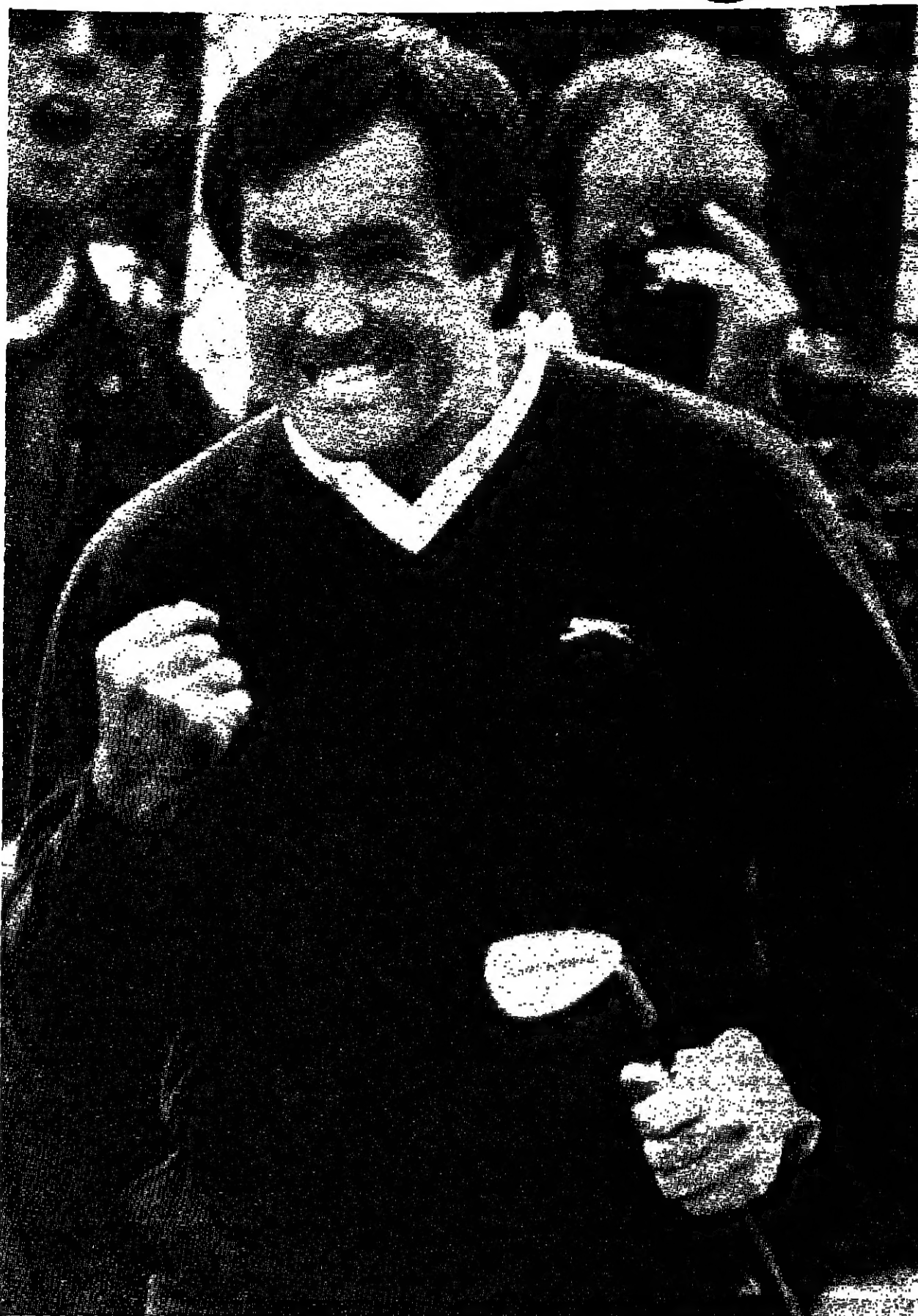
This was sombre stuff, bearing in mind that birdies were falling like Saturday raindrops elsewhere. Crenshaw, for instance, had opened with three birdies in a row.

Suddenly, Ballesteros sprang into electrifying action and the place came alive. In a spell of six successive holes he was six under par, exactly the margin by which he was to beat par for the round.

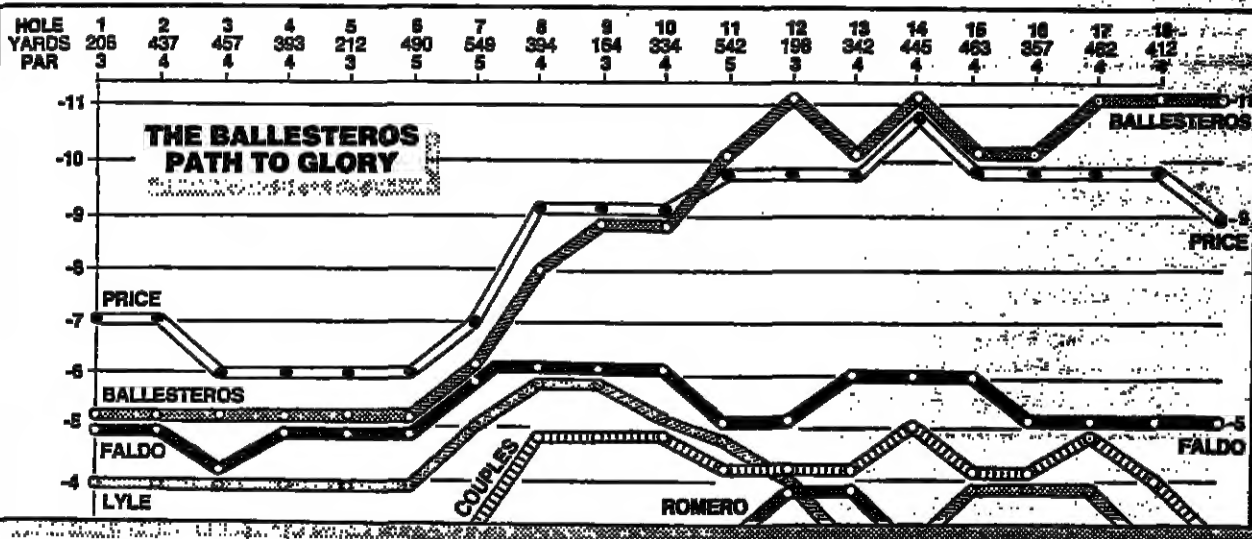
He went birdie, eagle, birdie from the sixth but that was the sturdy character of Price that he conceded only one shot when he was unable to match the Spaniard's three at the eighth.

Ballesteros, putting like a machine for most of the time, suffered two lapses from no more than six feet coming home, but he answered each with a birdie, either at the next hole or the one after.

But Price would not let his man go. He played a brilliant



The killer stroke: Ballesteros signals the devastating chip at the 18th which virtually assured him of his third Open



How the fortunes of the leaders fluctuated in the final round at Lytham yesterday. The chart shows that Ballesteros, five under par at the start, went in front of Price for the first time with his birdie four at the 11th. Couples and Romero made appearances on the leader board, while Lyle faded from it at the 12th and 17th.

Illustration by Geoffrey Sims

second to six inches at the 13th and, if the 14th cost him a five, it is a hole that has played more like a five than a four all week and Ballesteros, too, had had to settle for one over.

By now the cries of "Come on Nick, come on Nick" were swamped by those urging the Spaniard to still greater deeds.

Even earlier, when it might have applied to both Nicks, the score had been about three to one in favour of the charismatic man from Spain.

Ballesteros's armada of supporters were kept on edge at the 18th as he only just carried a fairway bunker and then missed the green with his second. But his mastery short

game, controlled by an iron nerve, was proof against any disaster, and his chip rolled slowly round the rim of the hole.

Short of an outrageous putt by Price he was now home and he punched the air in jubilation. A few minutes later he held his arms aloft in triumph and blew a kiss to the crowd.

## Crowds at Lytham set records

All attendance records were broken in the Open Championship which ended at Royal Lytham and St Anne's yesterday. The extra day crowd of 15,080, after Saturday's wash-out, took the total attendance to 205,857 — beating the previous best at St Andrews in 1984 by more than 12,000.

On two days, Friday and Sunday, the attendance was more than 40,000, a figure never achieved before at an Open. The Friday figure of 43,111 is the biggest in Championship history.

Paul Broadhurst will come back to reality today after playing with Jack Nicklaus yesterday. The Warwickshire player, aged 22, is needed by his club, Atherstone for a scratch league match against Nuneaton. Broadhurst, the only amateur to survive the halfway cut in the Open, found himself paired with Nicklaus and Paul Azinger, last year's runner-up. Nicklaus had a 68 to finish four over, Azinger a 74, two better than Broadhurst, who admitted: "I was nervous on the first tee, especially when I was handed Nicklaus's card to mark."

## FOURTH ROUND SCORES AT ROYAL LYTHAM

(Great Britain and Ireland unless stated)

273	286	295
S BALLESTEROS (Sp), 67, 71, 70, 65	J NICKLAUS (US), 75, 70, 75, 68	F FOWLER (Aus), 72, 72, 78, 73
275	J WOODHAM, 75, 71, 72, 69	F FOWLER (US), 72, 74, 76, 73
279	289	296
N PRICE (Zim), 70, 67, 69, 69	M O'NEARA (US), 75, 69, 75, 70	H GREEN (US), 74, 73, 75, 74
279	290	297
N FALDO, 71, 69, 68, 71	H CLARK, 71, 72, 75, 72	P MILLER (US), 75, 73, 72, 75
281	291	298
F COUPLES (US), 73, 69, 71, 68	W RILEY (Aus), 72, 71, 72, 76	C MASON, 75, 69, 77, 75
G ROCH (US), 71, 72, 70, 68	L WADKINS (US), 73, 71, 71, 76	M SMITH (US), 75, 71, 76, 74
282	292	299
P SENIOR (Aus), 70, 73, 70, 69	J-M OLACABAL (Sp), 73, 71, 73, 75	S BISHOP, 77, 71, 73, 77
283	293	301
W RILEY (Aus), 72, 71, 73, 67	J HAS (US), 71, 76, 75, 69	A SHERBORNE, 71, 72, 76, 79
P STEWART (US), 73, 75, 68, 67	N RATCLIFFE (Aus), 70, 77, 75, 70	G BRUCKNER (US), 72, 74, 80, 76
D FROST (US), 71, 75, 69, 68	K BROWN, 75, 72, 75, 71	CHIN-SHENG HSIEH (Tai), 74, 73, 73, 82
A LYLE, 70, 69, 67, 74	B MARCHBANK, 73, 74, 73, 73	297
284	294	302
B FAYON (US), 69, 74, 70, 71	P MARSH (Aus), 73, 72, 71, 74	C STADLER (US), 72, 68, 61, 76
D JONKES (US), 71, 74, 69, 70	G PAVIN (US), 74, 73, 71, 75	G PLAYER (Sri), 72, 78, 73, 76
285	295	303
C STRANGE (US), 79, 69, 69, 68	D A RUSSELL, 73, 72, 72, 76	299
E ROMERO (Arg), 72, 71, 69, 73	W GRADY (Aus), 69, 76, 72, 76	M PINERO (Sp), 75, 73, 77, 74
L NELSON (US), 73, 71, 68, 73	296	302
286	296	303
E10,500 each	297	305
RIVERIO (US), 75, 69, 70, 72	298	308
G CRISHAW (US), 73, 72, 68, 72	299	
A BEAN (US), 71, 70, 71, 72, 68, 72	300	
D POOLEY (US), 70, 73, 69, 74	301	
287	302	
KITE (US), 75, 71, 73, 68	303	
R DAVIS (Aus), 75, 71, 73, 68	304	
T TAYLOR (US), 71, 71, 72, 73	305	
G BRAND (US), 72, 76, 68, 71	306	
R CHARLES (NZ), 71, 74, 69, 73	307	

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The Carlsberg British Croquet Open at Hurlingham came close to its first major upset yesterday as Steve Mulliner, the top seed, and last year's runner-up, only just defeated Dayal Gunasekera 2-1. Mulliner scrambled to victory by only three points as all the other seeds went safely through.

## Lewis pursuit

Indianapolis (AP) — Carl Lewis, chasing four Olympic medals for the second consecutive Games, continued his relentless pursuit toward that goal by winning his opening 200 metre heat at the United States Olympic trials yesterday in 20.32sec.

## Rainier award

Lausanne (Reuters) — Prince Rainier of Monaco received the Olympic Order in gold at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday from Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president. The IOC's highest decoration honours Prince Rainier for his contribution towards promoting sport and the Olympic movement.

## Expensive day for Cowdrey

Chris Cowdrey, the England cricket captain, was hit for 66 runs off 42 overs in front of the national side's manager, Mick Stewart, in the championship match between Kent and Surrey at Guildford yesterday.

The toll against the Kent captain, who will probably be England's fourth seamer in the fourth Test against West Indies at Headingley on Thursday, included a six by Mark Farnham, the Surrey tail-end batsman. Cowdrey's only wicket was that of Jack Richards, also recalled by England for the fourth Test.

England's two new selections — far badly in their last match before the Test. Robin Smith was dismissed for 14 as Hampshire ran into trouble against Warwickshire, and Tim Curtis, of Worcestershire, made 19 against Somerset.

## Backings up

Chorley Borough, the rugby league club, formerly known as Blackpool Borough, and then Springfield, are to field a professional reserve squad, known as Bradford Bulls, in the new season.

## END COLUMN

## Food for thought from the doctor

By John Goodbody

Dieting is a fad of the 1980s. Books on nutrition regularly figure on best-seller lists and the latest diet is sometimes regarded as the panacea for all health problems.

But nutrition for the sportsman or woman has been less well catered for. It has largely consisted of advice from unqualified coaches or empirical evidence gained by the individual competitor. Traditional beliefs rather prevail.

Dr Steve Wootton, the author of a book published yesterday, knows that many competitors, from the Olympics down to what he terms "the weekend gladiators," are not fulfilling their potential by failing to observe some basic rules of nutrition.

"Diet, in a close competition, can be the difference between winning and losing," he says. "Some competitors in Seoul will have trained specifically for an Olympic final for years. But this can all be thrown away in two days of bad preparation in Korea."

## Regular nibbling at food is good

Dr Wootton, who lectures in nutrition at Southampton University, says that far too few competitors are getting the right advice. In sports which last several hours it is important that the competitors sip fluid, which is commonly accepted by nutritionists. What is not so common is the practice of nibbling regularly at small quantities of food.

He says that even golfers, playing yesterday in the final round of the Open, could have benefited from eating the occasional snack between holes because this would help prevent tiredness and also aid concentration.

In more physically demanding sports it is even more crucial. "Cyclists in the Tour de France take bags of food to consume during the day's riding. They take easily digestible food like rice pudding. If they did not do this they would no longer be able to sustain the necessary rate of work."

"Did you see Stefan Edberg during the Wimbledon final? He was eating bananas, nature's snack of simple sugars and complex carbohydrates. He was quite right to do so."

Not only is it important to nibble during a long competition. It is also vital to have something immediately after training. First there should be fluids — "not beer — water is really the best" — and then the athlete should consume food while he is changing.

The muscles, Dr Wootton says, are crying out to be refuelled. They will more quickly recover if a little food, like a muesli bar or sandwich, is eaten. In a competition the individual must arrange this for himself or herself and not expect to be organized to lay everything on.

## One day off vital even for the elite

It is also important for even the elite competitor to have one day off a week from heavy training. The body must be allowed to recover. A long session of flexibility or some skill training would be suitable for many athletes on this day off.

Dr Wootton is profoundly suspicious of many of the claims of commercial food supplements. He believes many are a waste of money if an adequate all-round diet is followed. But he accepts that a multi-vitamin pill can be an "insurance policy" for a competitor, especially if he is dieting carefully to make a weight category or if he is a jockey, needing to reach a particular body weight often 300 times a year.

Dr Wootton believes there is no perfect vitamin pill on the market which "goes across the board." One leading brand even has 16 times the recommended human daily need of 36 Pyridoxin, which is involved in the formation of red blood cells.

A pregnant woman is recommended to have a 30 to 50 per cent increase in the consumption of many vitamins compared to the ordinary person. But four to five times the recommended amount is not necessary. And, Dr Wootton says, "the physiological demands of pregnancy are probably greater than those of any top-class competitor in training."

*Nutrition For Sport, by Dr Steve Wootton (Simon and Schuster, £9.95).*